

# BULBOUS BLUEGRASS

*Poa bulbosa*



## ORIGIN AND DESCRIPTION

Introduced from Europe. Small, spring dominant, cool season, Bunchgrass. Plants 1 to 12" tall. Naturalized over extremely wide area of northwest U.S. below 4,000' elevation.

## GROWTH HABITS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PREFERENCES

Often occurs on dry shallow soils associated with cheatgrass. Reproduces by bulblets formed on the head in place of seed. The base is bulbous and may live for several years in a dormant

state. Makes the most growth where early fall and winter moisture is available. Fall growth stops with freezing weather, but starts again early in the spring. Plants set seed early June and remain dormant until fall.

## CULTURE

Increased from bulblets that form in panicle. Plant about 3 to 6 lbs. PLS seed (bulblets) per acre. Early spring or late fall planting. Protect from grazing and control weeds.

## USE AND MANAGEMENT

Used for pasture and erosion control in humid parts of northern U.S., including southwestern Idaho, Oregon, northern California. Adapted as a self-perpetuating cover crop on dryland areas. Should not be planted at higher elevations or near winter heat ground. A good understory grass for range seedings because it provides excellent ground cover and competes with cheatgrass and other early growing weeds. Fall, winter and spring forage for livestock.

## IMPROVED VARIETIES

None listed for Region.

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