

Poa annua

COMMON NAME

annual poa

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Poa annua L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

NVS CODE

POAANN

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Roots, shallow, easily pulled from the soil. Stems, 2.5 to 30 cm tall, decumbent at base, sometimes rooting at lower joints (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

HABITAT

Prevalent in lawns and gardens, particularly those with moist, rich soils (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981). A weed of cultivated land and waste places.

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACU: Facultative Upland

Occasionally is a hydrophyte but usually occurs in uplands (non-wetlands).

YEAR NATURALISED

1844

ORIGIN

Europe

ETYMOLOGY

poa: Meadow grass

annua: From the Latin *annuus* 'year', referring to a plant which completes its life cycle in a single year

Reason For Introduction

Agricultural

Life Cycle Comments

Annual

Tolerances

Grows well in cool weather but is not winter hardy (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Wax LM, Fawcett RS, Isley D, eds. 1981. Weeds of the North Central States. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Agriculture, Illinois, USA. 303 p.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/poa-annua/>



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