

Setaria verticillata

COMMON NAME

rough bristle grass

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Setaria verticillata (L.) P.Beauv.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

NVS CODE

SETVER

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Stems 0.3–1.2 m tall, erect but branching more than those of other foxtails. **Panicle** dense, 5–10 cm long, with one bristle at the base of each spikelet, rarely 2 or 3. **Bristles** barbed (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981), causing seed heads to stick to each other, like 'Velcro'.

FLOWER COLOURS

Green

YEAR NATURALISED

1904

ORIGIN

Europe

Reproduction

Seeds

Seed

Seed, greenish, similar to *S. viridis* in size and shape (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

Dispersal

Seeds can be carried great distances by man and animals (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/setaria-verticillata/>



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