

Setaria viridis

COMMON NAME

green bristle grass

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Setaria viridis (L.) P.Beauv.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

NVS CODE

SETVIR

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

UPL: Obligate Upland

Rarely is a hydrophyte, almost always in uplands (non-wetlands).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Stems erect. **Leaves** hairless. **Panicle** dense, 2.5–7.5 cm long, erect, except near tip, which bends slightly; 1–3 bristles below each spikelet (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

LIFE CYCLE

Reproduces by seed, seeds green, about 1.5 mm long (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

YEAR NATURALISED

1870

ORIGIN

Eurasia

ETYMOLOGY

viridis: From the Latin *viridis* 'green'

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-viridis/>



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