



FIELD GUIDE

Identification of common seeded forage plants of Saskatchewan



Introduction

This publication has been compiled to provide producers growing tame forages with a quick reference guide to plant identification.

Common grass and legumes are presented in line drawings to illustrate the characteristics that one can use to identify tame grass species, either at the seedling stage or when more mature.

This guide is the third in a set of four field guides for plant identification in Saskatchewan.

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Common and Scientific Names

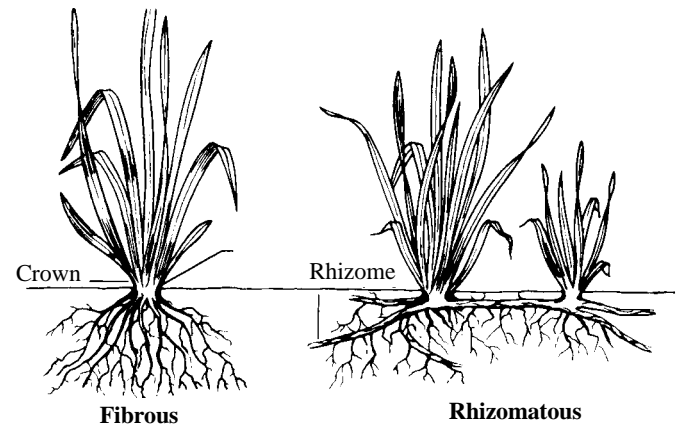
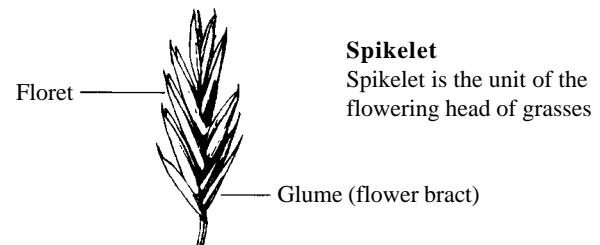
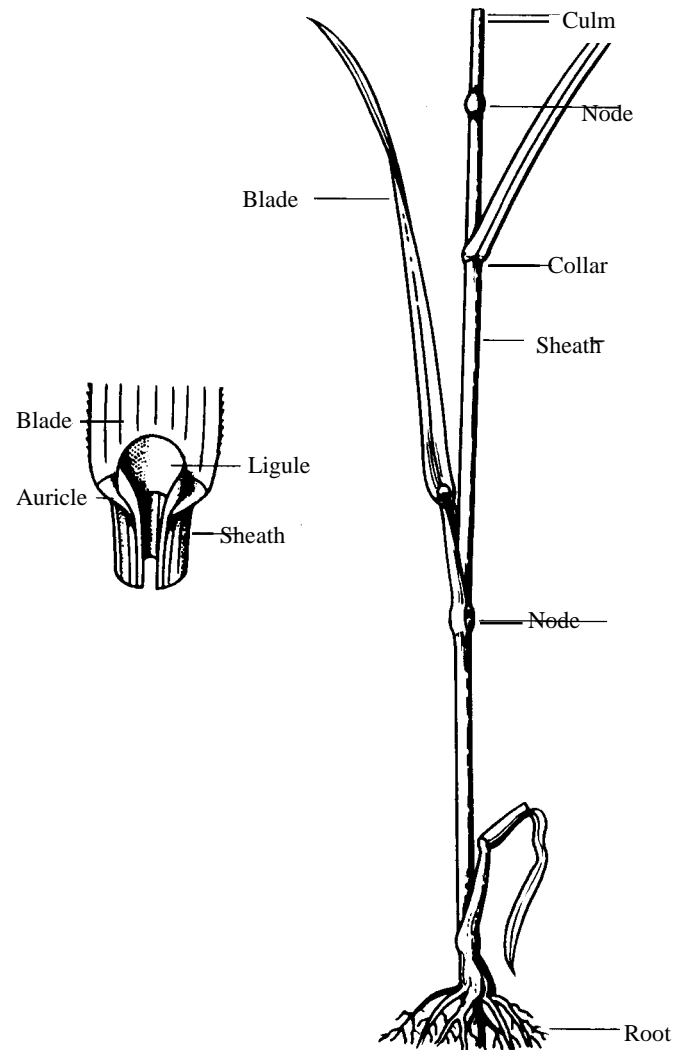
Grasses

Altai wildrye	<i>Elymus angustus</i>
Annual ryegrass	<i>Lolium multiflorum</i>
Canada bluegrass	<i>Poa compressa</i>
Creeping foxtail	<i>Alopecurus arundinaceus</i>
Creeping red fescue	<i>Festuca rubra</i>
Crested wheatgrass	<i>Agropyron cristatum</i> or <i>desertorum</i>
Intermediate wheatgrass	<i>Agropyron intermedium</i>
Kentucky bluegrass	<i>Poa pratensis</i>
Meadow brome	<i>Bromus biebersteinii</i>
Meadow foxtail	<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>
Orchard grass	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>
Perennial ryegrass	<i>Lolium perenne</i>
Reed canarygrass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>
Russian wildrye	<i>Elymus junceus</i>
Slender wheatgrass	<i>Agropyron trachycaulum</i>
Smooth brome	<i>Bromus inermis</i>
Streambank wheatgrass	<i>Agropyron riparium</i>
Tall fescue	<i>Festuca elatior</i>
Tall wheatgrass	<i>Agropyron elongatum</i>
Timothy	<i>Phleum pratense</i>

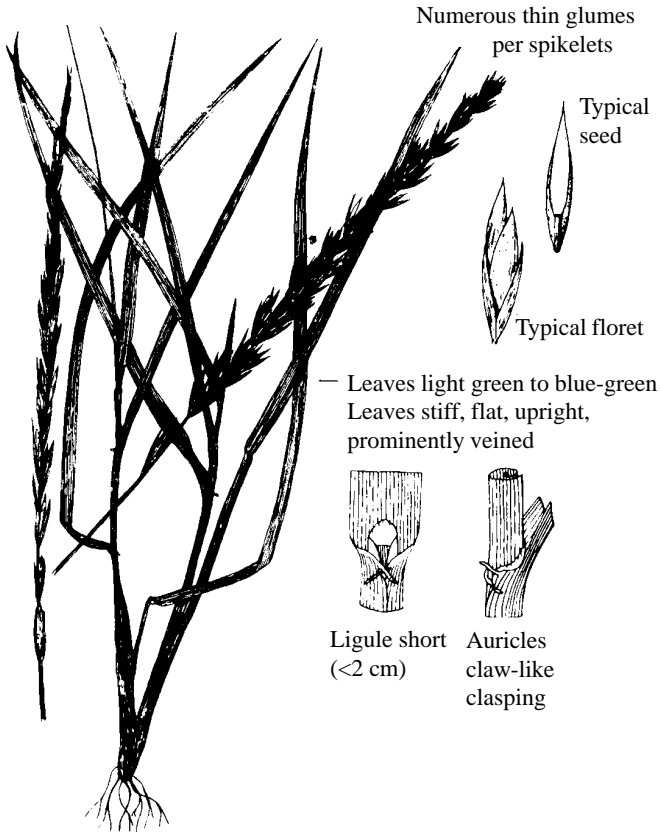
Legumes

Alfalfa	<i>Medicago</i> spp.
Alsike clover	<i>Trifolium hybridum</i>
Bird's-foot trefoil	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>
Cicer milkvetch	<i>Astragalus cicer</i>
Red clover	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>
Sainfoin	<i>Onobrychis viciaefolia</i>
Sweet clover	<i>Melilotus</i> spp.
White clover	<i>Trifolium repens</i>

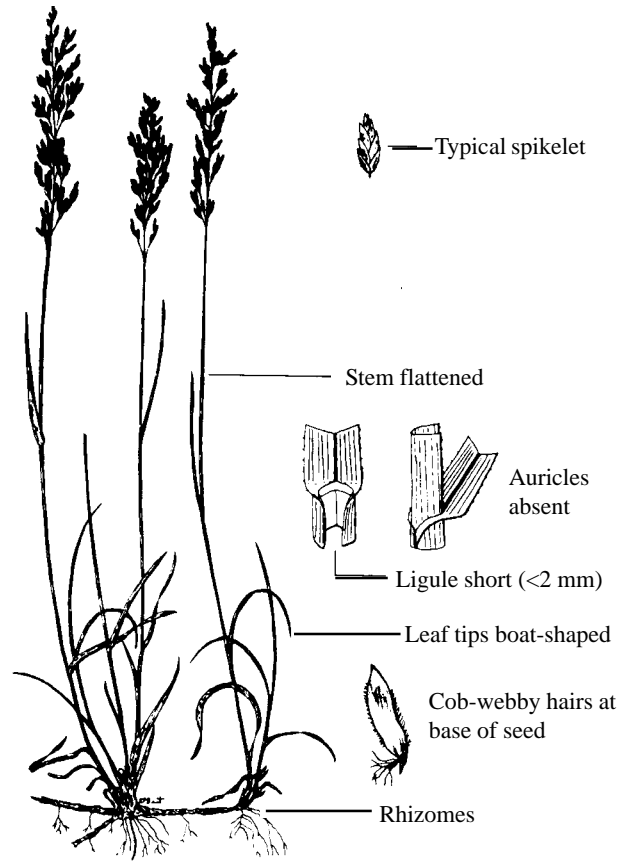
The Grass Plant Parts



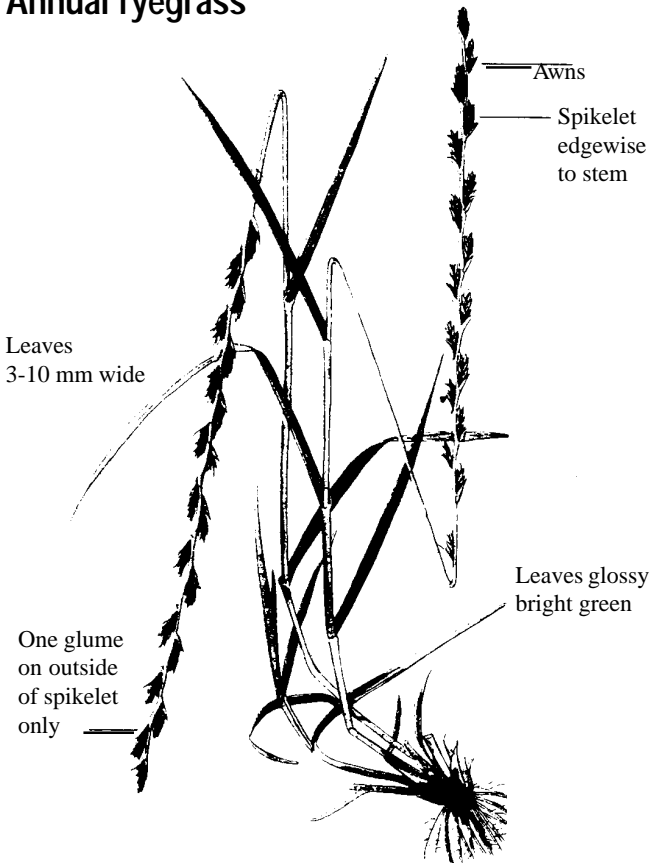
Altai wildrye



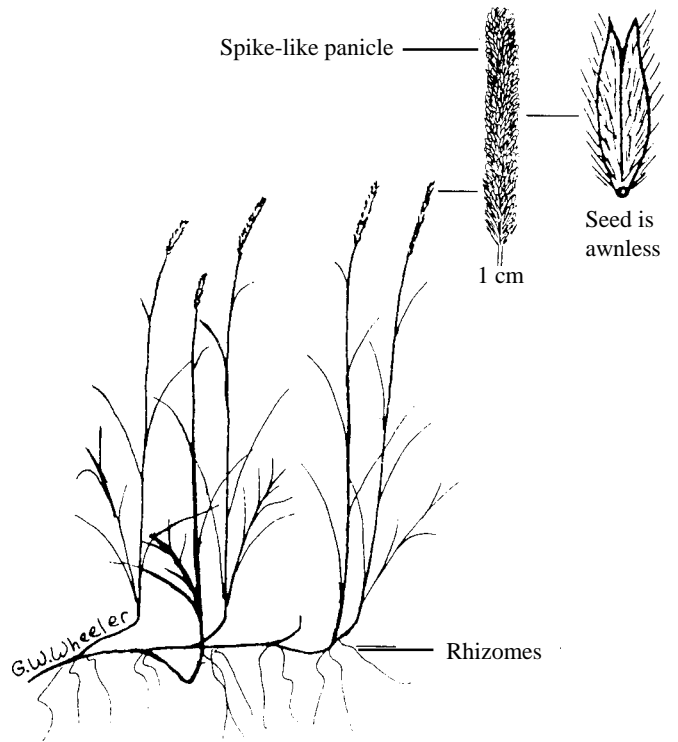
Canada bluegrass



Annual ryegrass

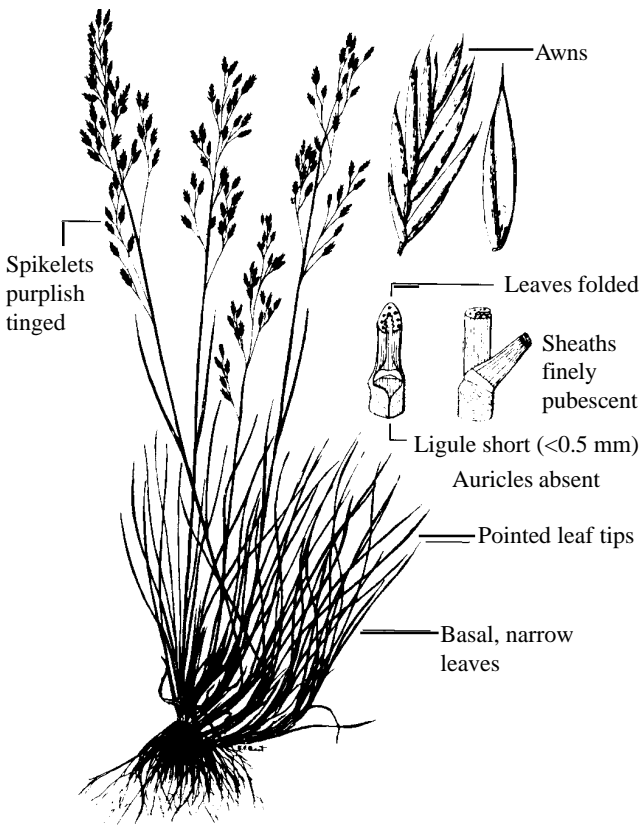


Creeping foxtail

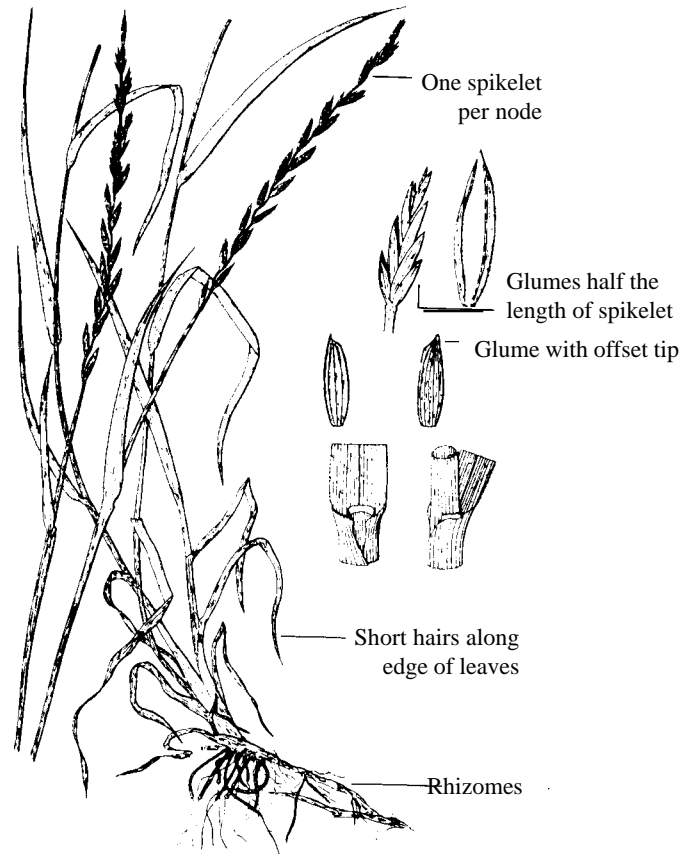


Similar plant to Meadow foxtail except wider leaves and generally darker coloured seed

Creeping red fescue

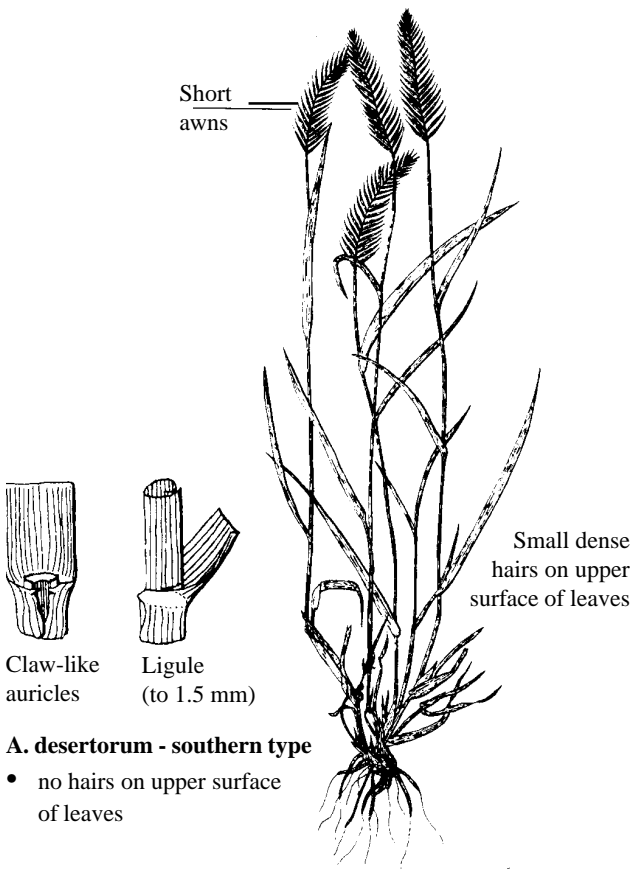


Intermediate wheatgrass

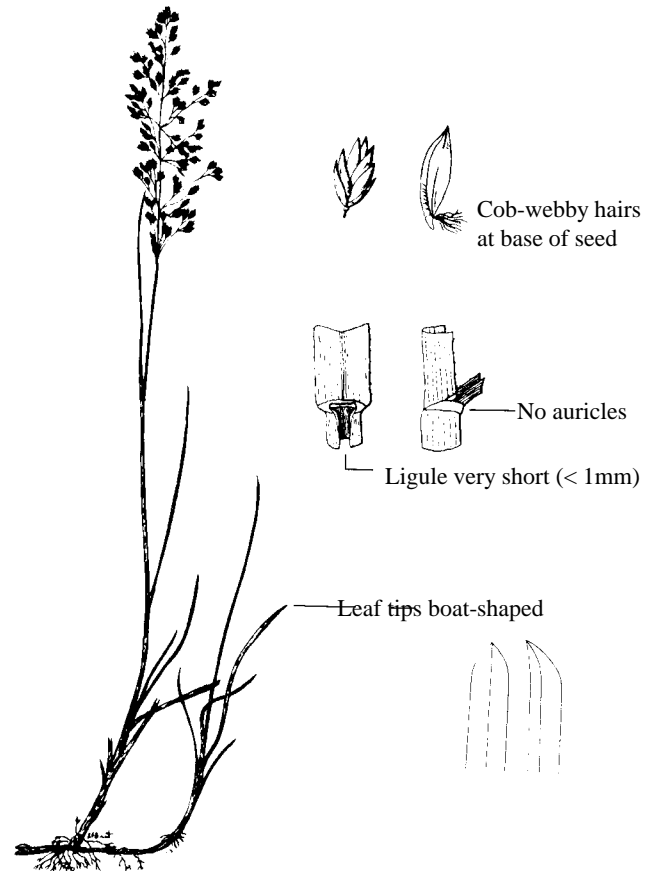


Crested wheatgrass

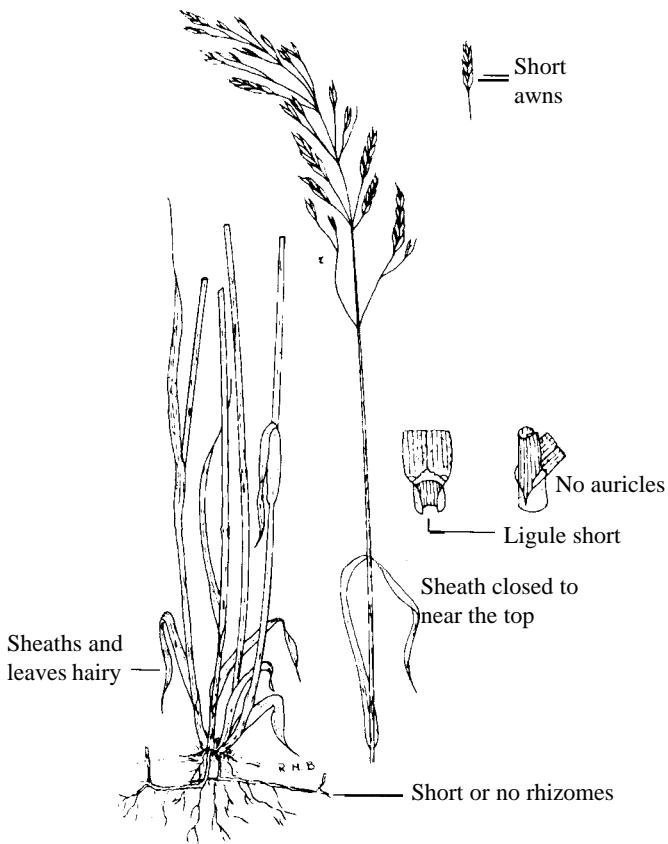
A. cristatum - northern type



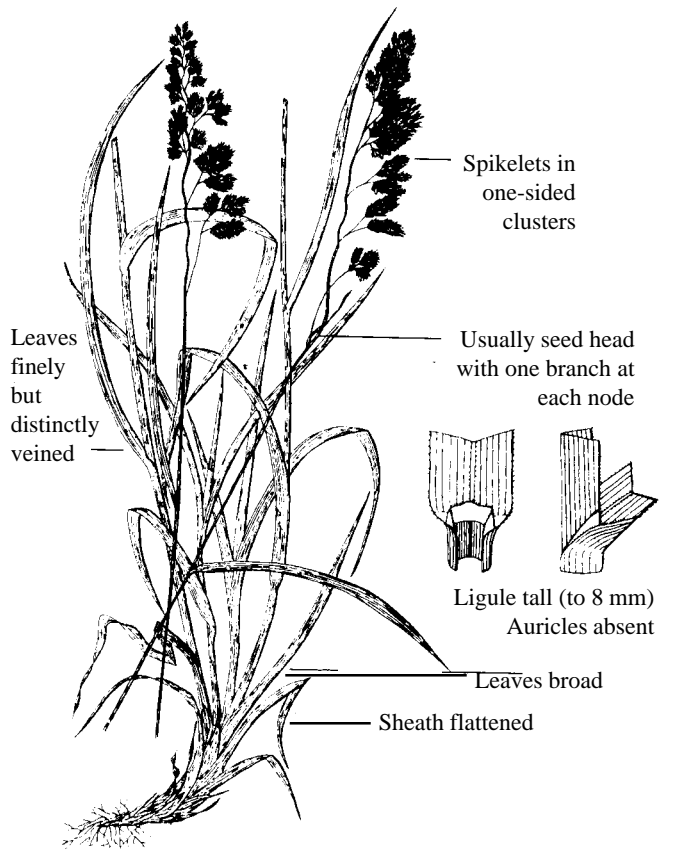
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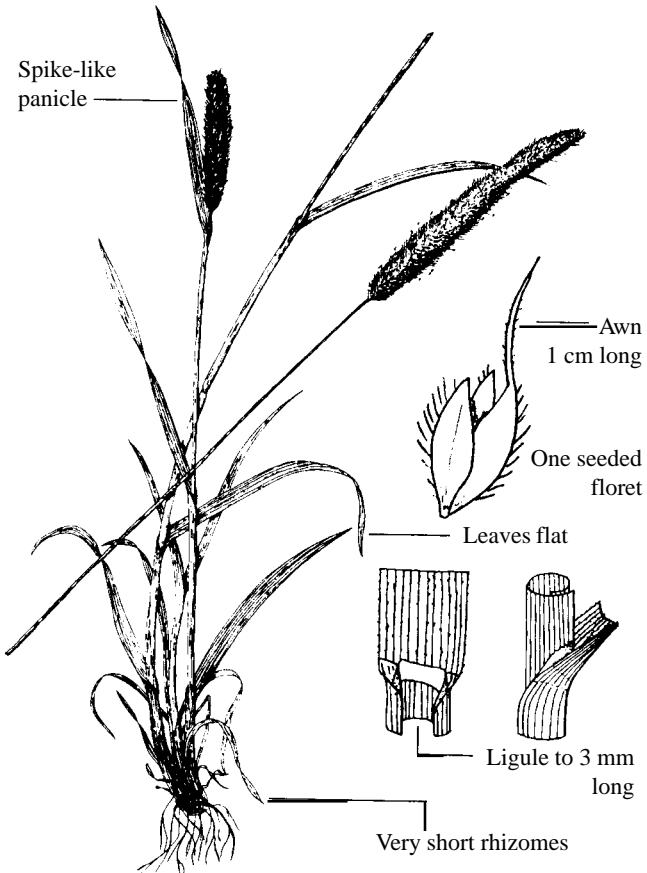
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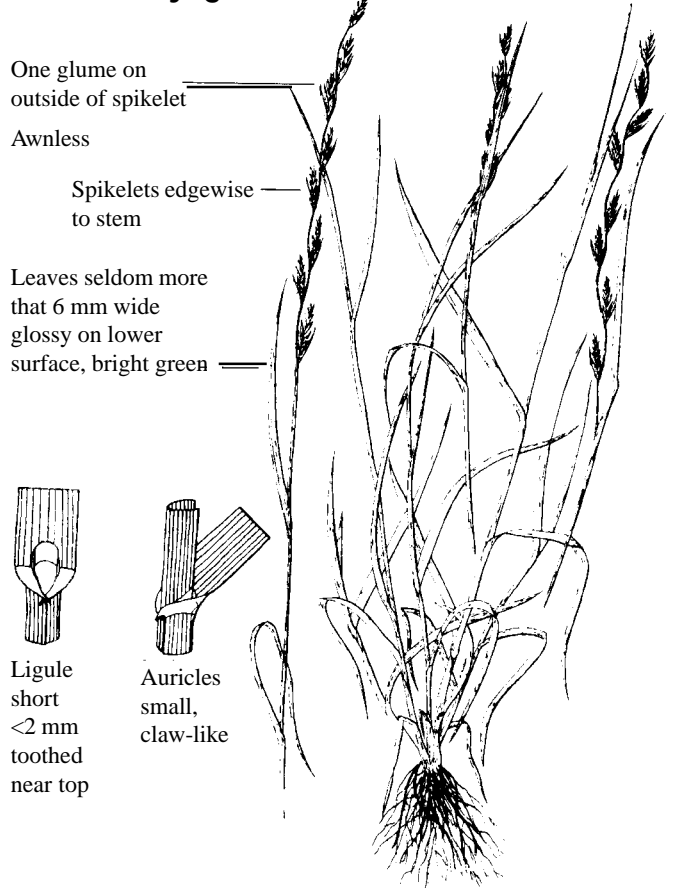
Orchard grass



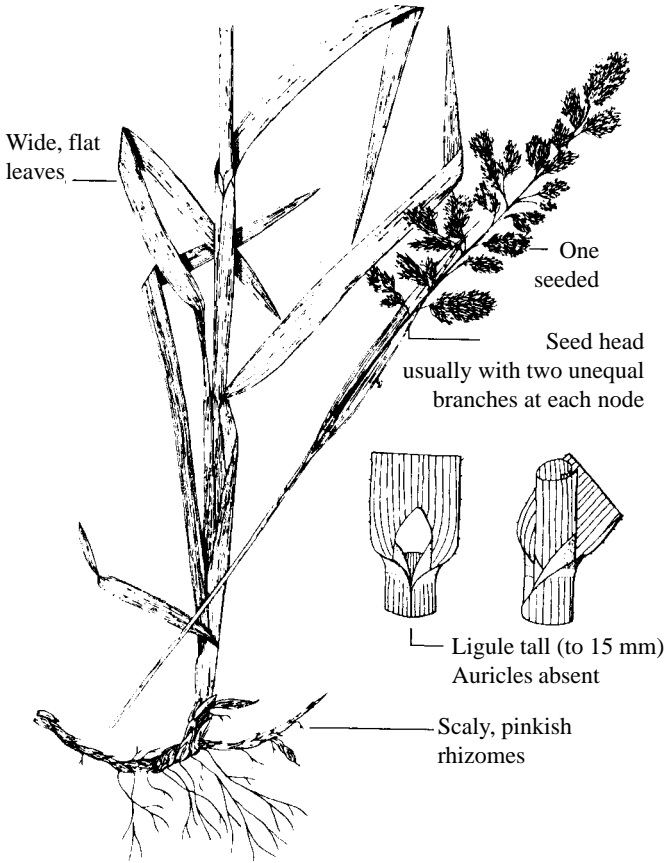
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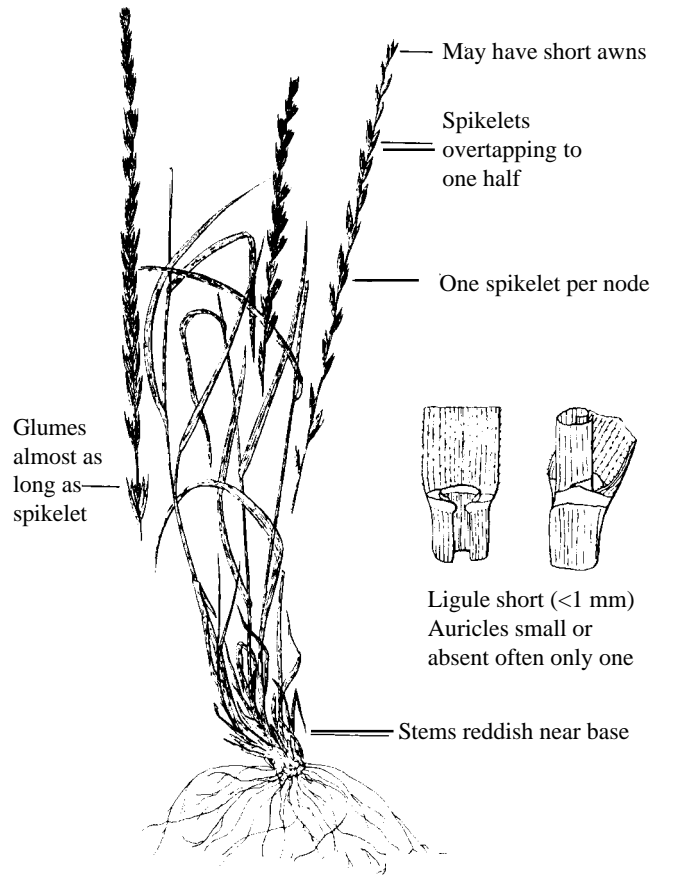
Perennial ryegrass



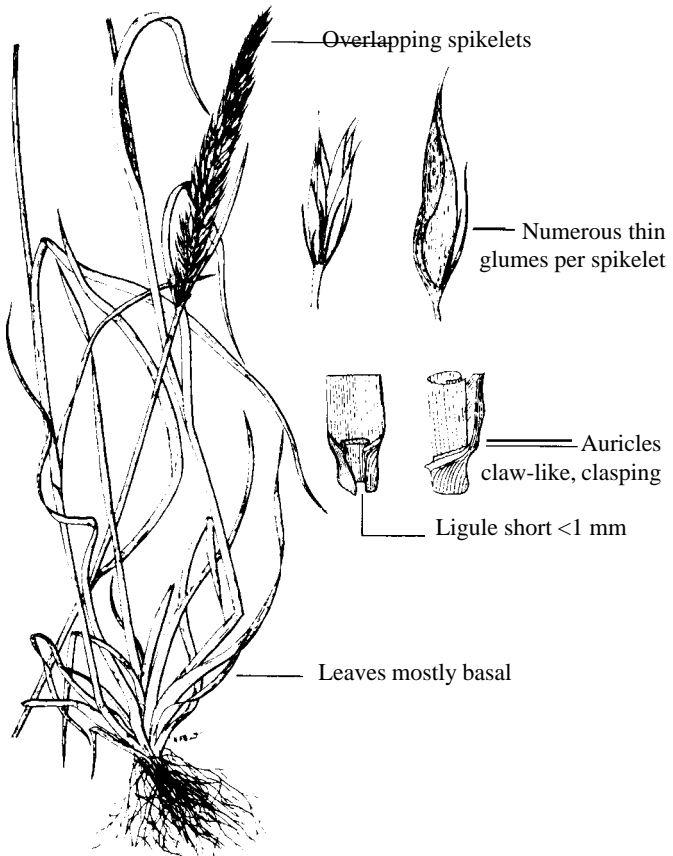
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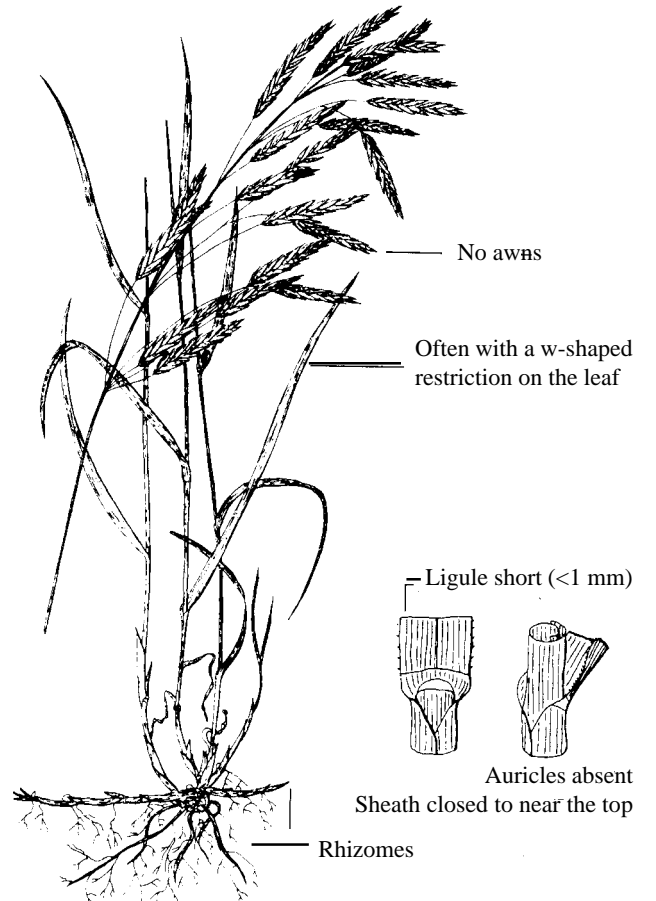
Slender wheatgrass



Russian wildrye

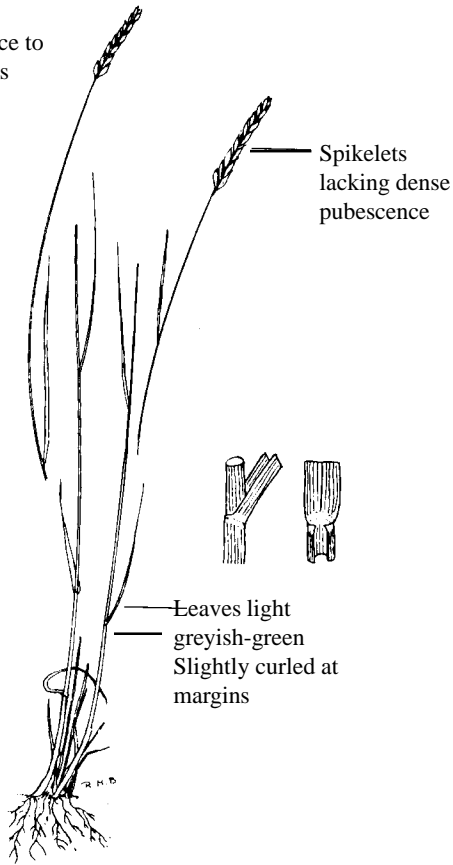


Smooth bromegrass

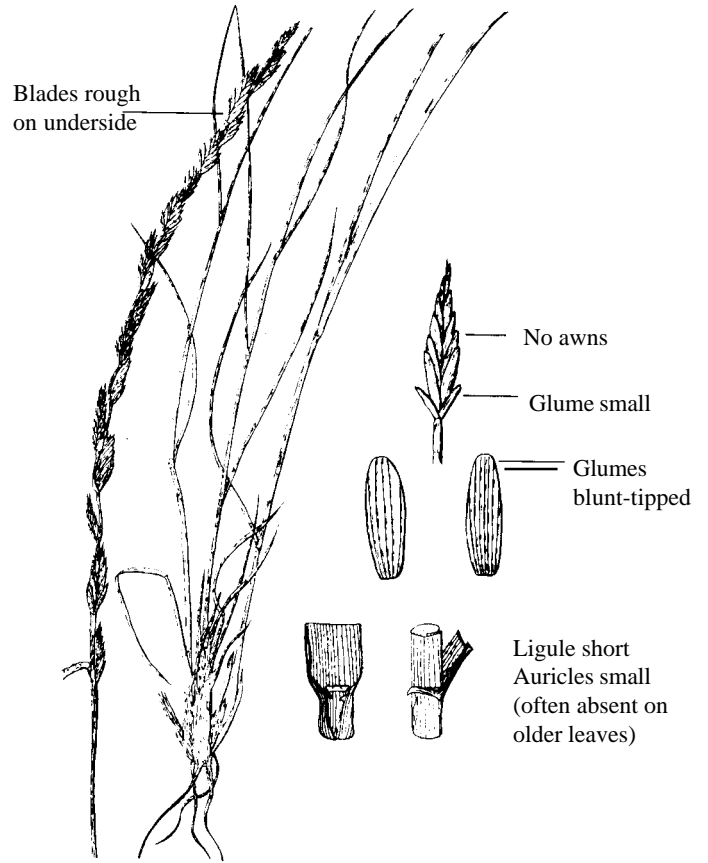


Streambank wheatgrass

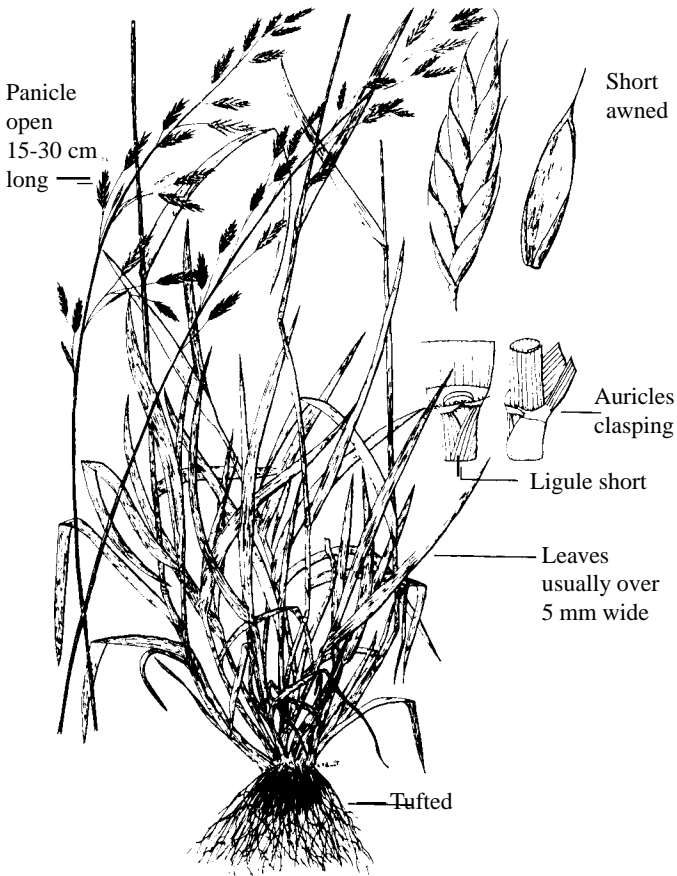
Similar in appearance to Northern wheatgrass



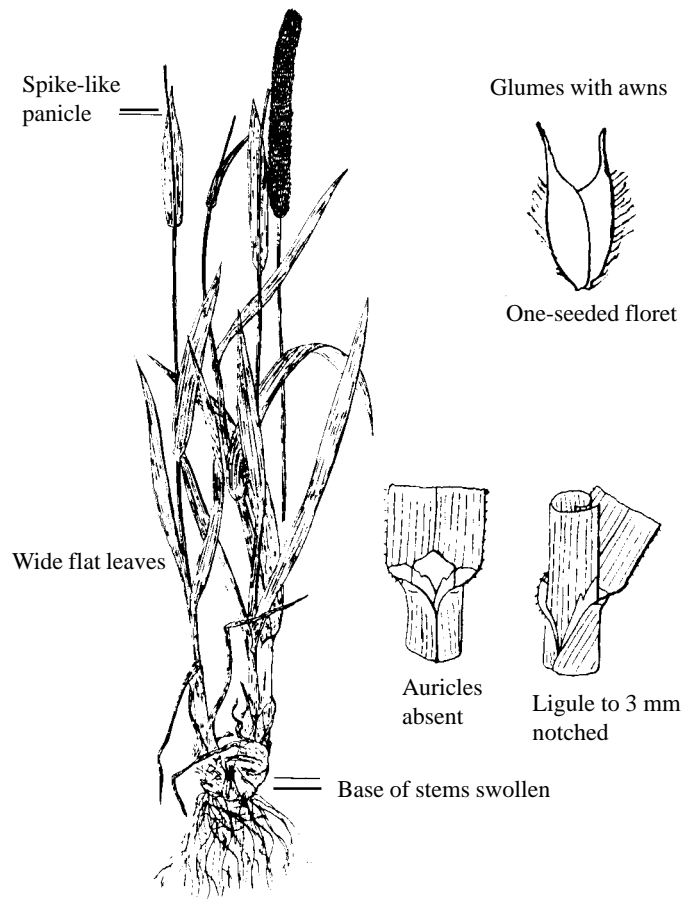
Tall wheatgrass



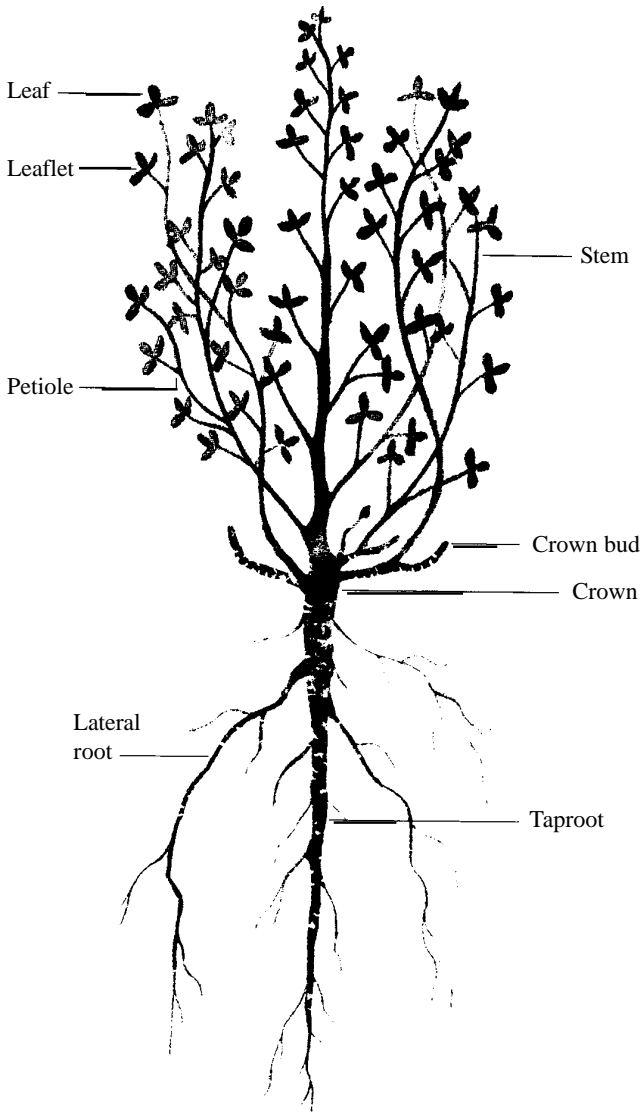
Tall fescue



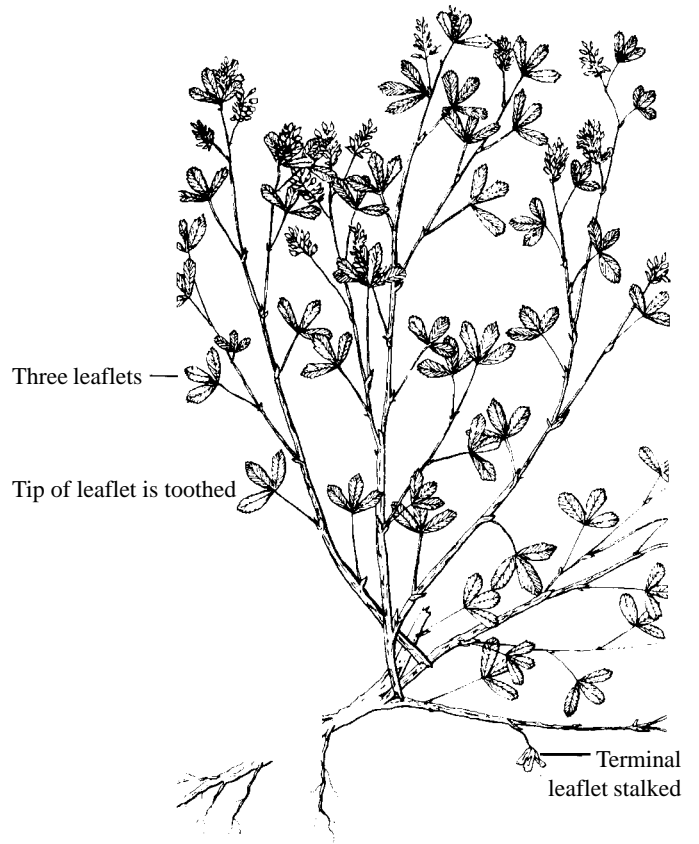
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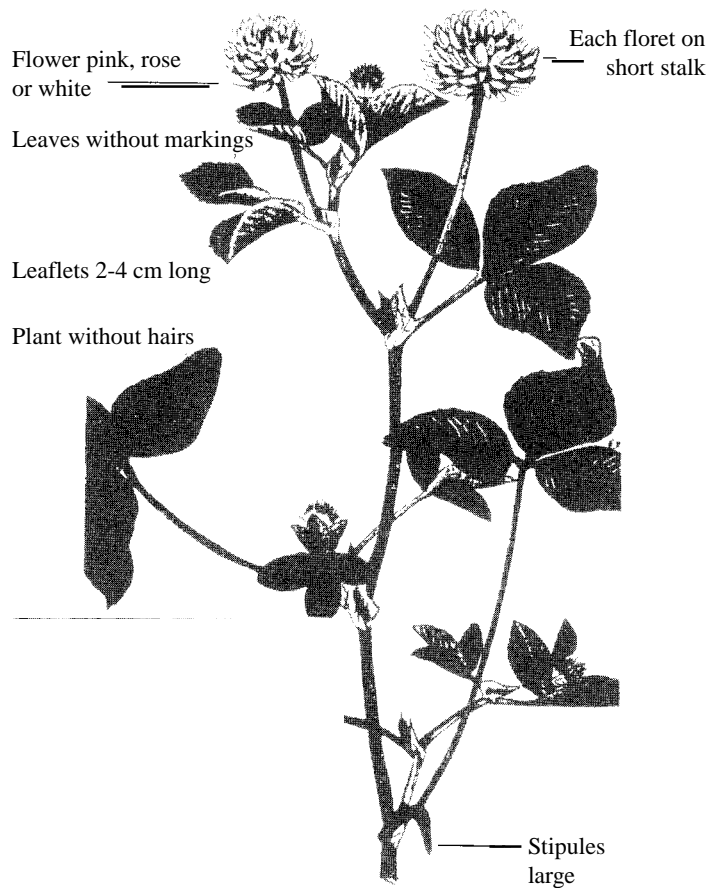
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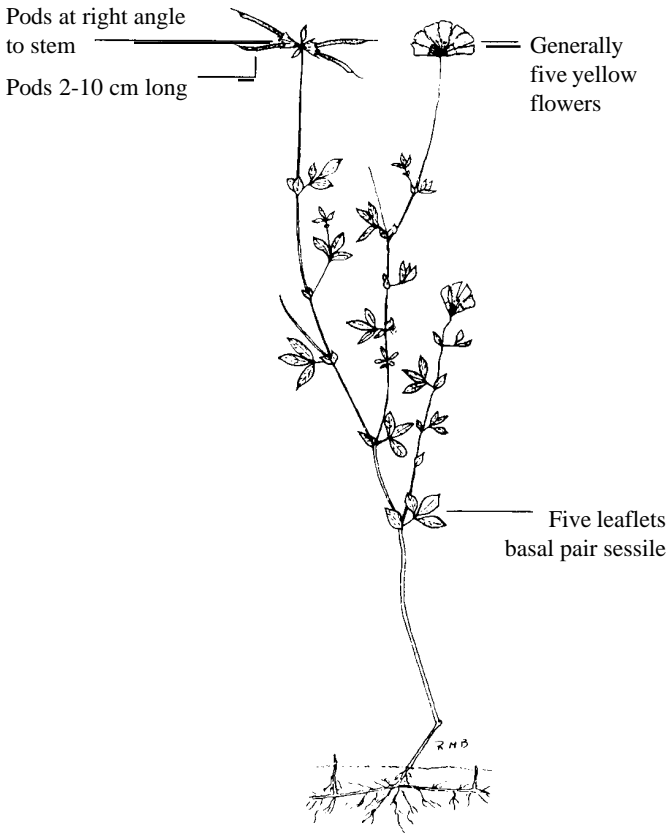
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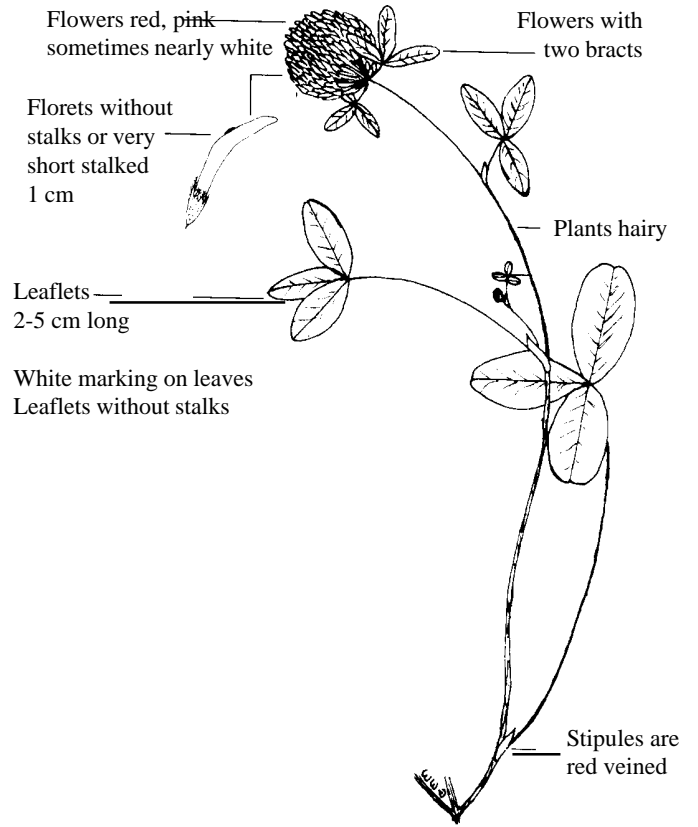
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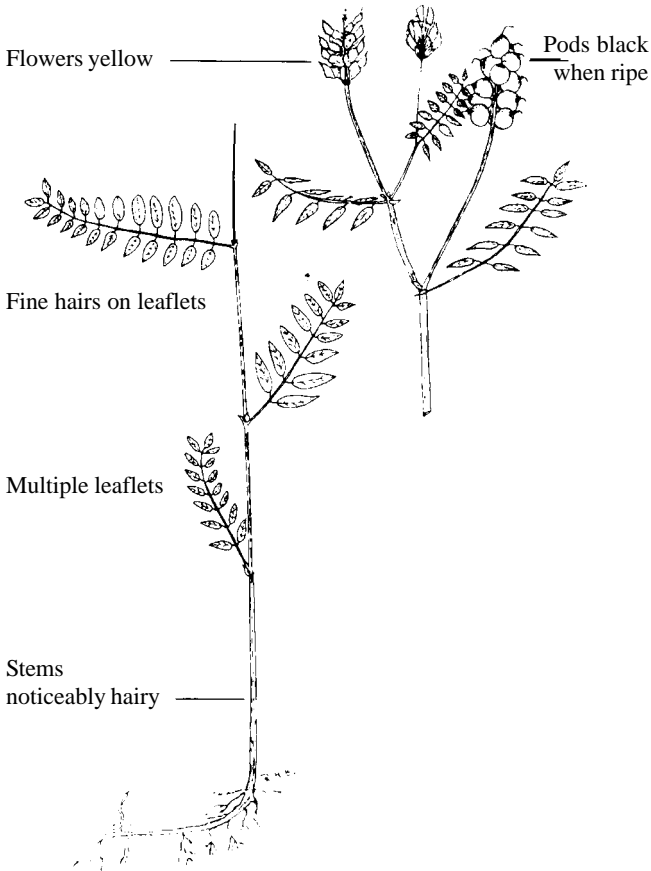
Bird's-foot trefoil



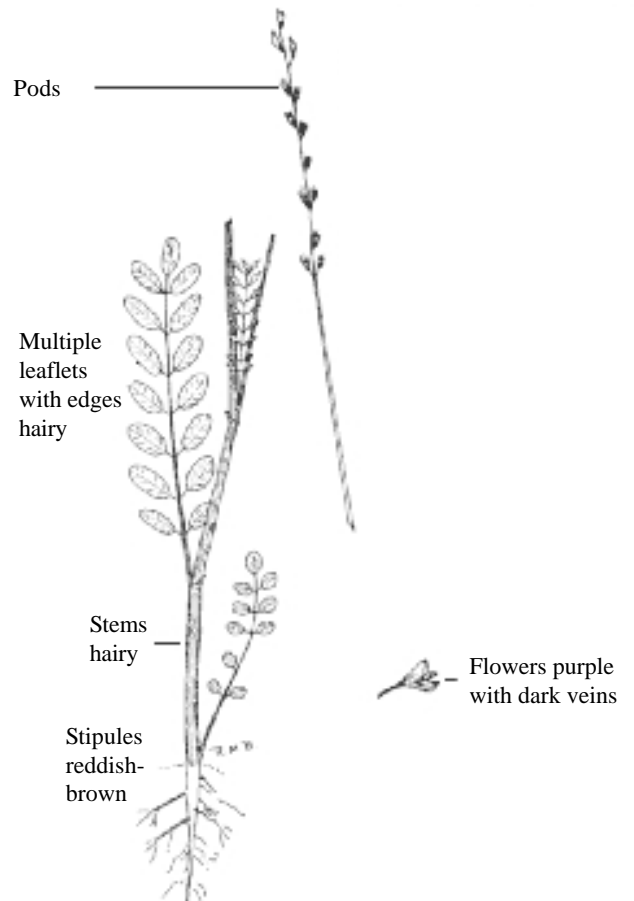
Red clover



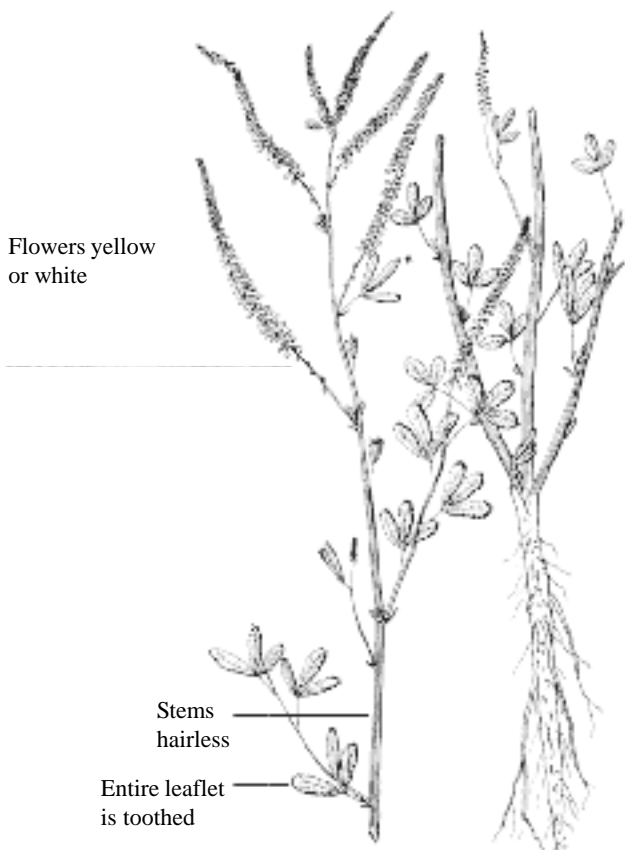
Cicer milk-vetch



Sainfoin



Sweet clover



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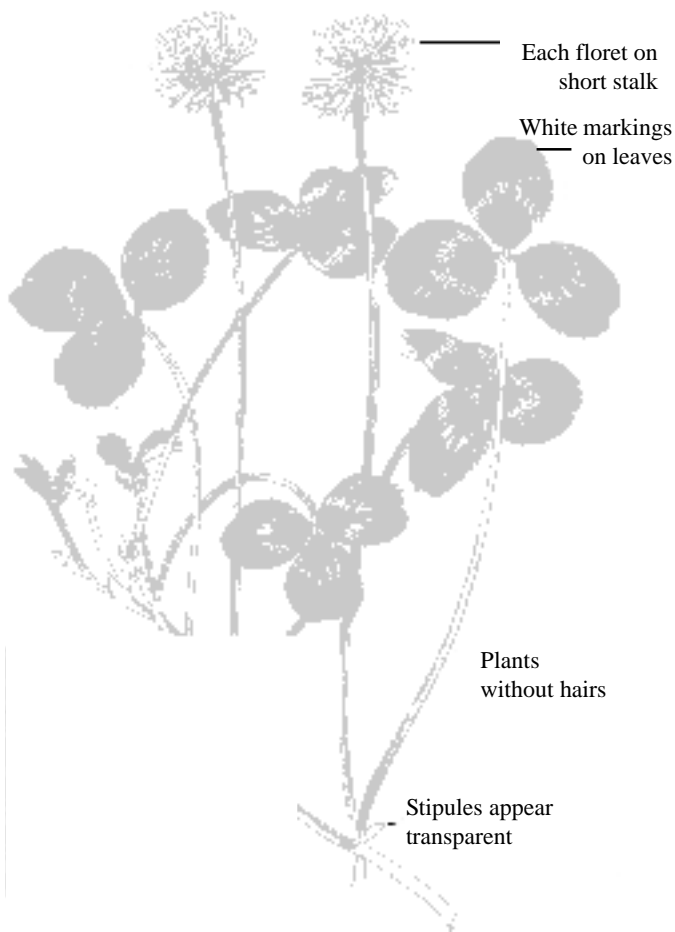
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White or Dutch clover



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