

Aegilops cylindrica
Jointed Goatgrass

Poaceae, the grass family
Category: CONTAINMENT



Diagnostic Characteristics

- Winter annual; can grow up to 3 feet tall
- Leaf blades flat and spreading; margins usually having a fringe of hair
- Lower and upper leaf surfaces usually sparsely covered with fine hairs
- Spikes cylindrical, more than 10 times longer than they are wide; appear as a series of spikelets stacked on top of each other

Background

- Native to western Asia and Mediterranean; introduced as a seed contaminant
- Inhabits grain fields (especially winter wheat), grasslands, rights-of-way, pastures, and other dry disturbed sites
- Reproduces by seed; un-tarped grain trucks are likely sources of introduction along roadways
- Resembles winter wheat and is closely related; both species can hybridize

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