Milium vernale

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Other common names:
early millet, spring milletgrass

Poaceae, the grass family
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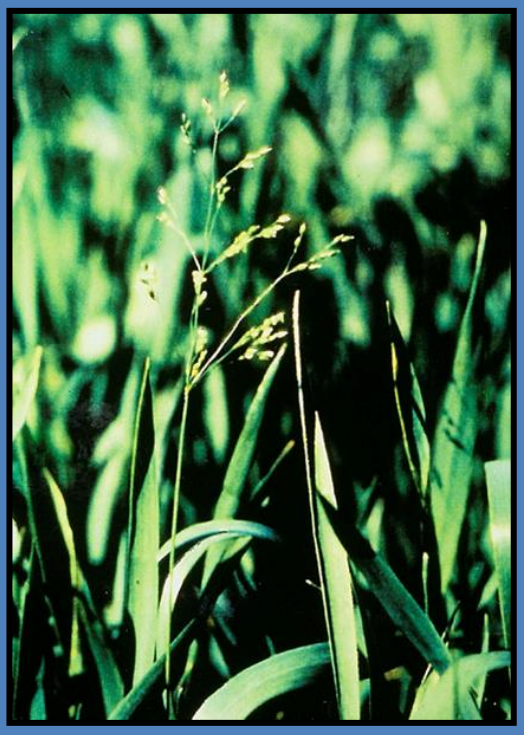

Diagnostic Characteristics

- Annual winter grass; erect in shape, and grows up to 2 feet tall
- Leaves are up to 4 inches long and ¼ inch wide with veins that appear roughened
- Ligules are membranous, ¼ inch long, and auricles are lacking
- Panicles are open, sparse, bright green to purplish, and up to 8 inches long

Background

- Native to southern Europe and western Asia
- Inhabits winter wheat and pastures
- Reproduces by seed
- A significant weed issue in Europe for the winter wheat industry

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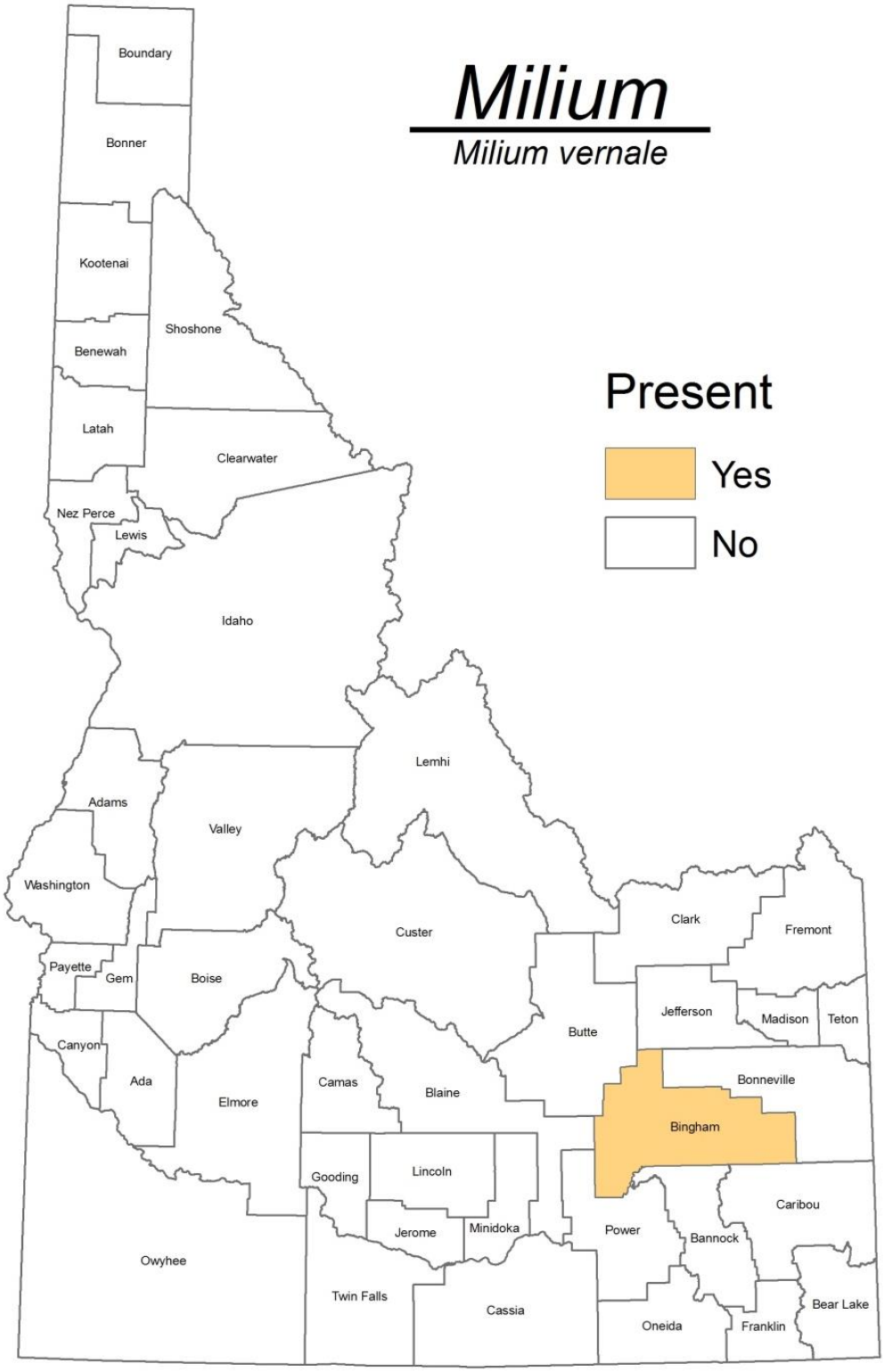
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