

Vulpia bromoides

System: Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Liliopsida	Cyperales	Poaceae

Common name vulpie faux brome (French), silver grass (English), rat's tail fescue (English), barren fescue (English), silkygrass (English), brome fescue (English), brome six-weeks grass (English), desert fescue (English), pasto de sedilla (Spanish), festuca-cevadinha (Portuguese), cevadinha-braba (Portuguese), squirreltail fescue (English)

Synonym *Bromus dertonensis* , All.
Festuca bromoides , L.
Festuca dertonensis , (All.) Asch. & Graebn.
Vulpia dertonensis , (All.) Gola

Similar species

Summary *Vulpia bromoides* is an annual weed of native grasslands and pastures in temperate climates of both the Northern and Southern hemispheres. Weedy annual grasses can reduce biodiversity on native grasslands, impede their restoration, and alter ecosystem processes. As a pasture weed, *V. bromoides* reduces productivity of grasslands; it has low palatability, and its seeds can damage hides and fleece of grazing animals. It readily invade wherever disturbance occurs. Integrated management which combines pasture rest, herbicide treatment and fertilizer application is shown to reduce seed production and improve control.



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Summary: This compilation of information sources can be sorted on keywords for example: Baits & Lures, Non Target Species, Eradication, Monitoring, Risk Assessment, Weeds, Herbicides etc. This compilation is at present in Excel format, this will be web-enabled as a searchable database shortly. This version of the database has been developed by the IUCN SSC ISSG as part of an Overseas Territories Environmental Programme funded project XOT603 in partnership with the Cayman Islands Government - Department of Environment. The compilation is a work under progress, the ISSG will manage, maintain and enhance the database with current and newly published information, reports, journal articles etc.

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