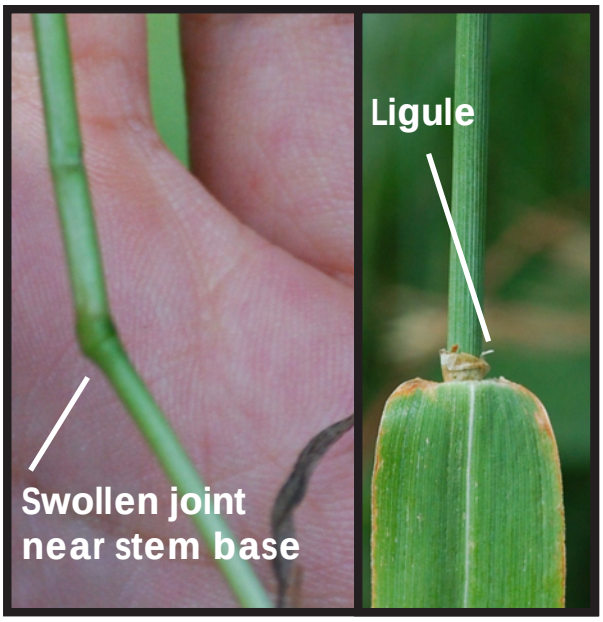
Timothy

Phleum pratense

Minnesota C-Value: 0

Wetland Indicator Status: FACU

Non-native



Leaves: Up to 50 cm long and 4-8 mm wide. Flat, wide leaf with a rough edge. Dark green-gray. Open sheath. White papery ligule 2-4 mm tall. Auricles occasionally present.

Stems: 2-3 ft stem is erect, stiff, hairless, round, and unbranched. Lower 1-2 joints often swollen.

Flowers and fruit: Spike 5-10 cm long and 5-8 mm wide; crowded, flattened, single-flowered spikelets - each 3-4 mm long, with horn-like awns (U-shaped). Especially fuzzy appearnace when in flower.

Plant communities: Old fields and pastures, moist bottomlands, disturbed areas.

Comments: Cool-season perennial introduced for forage. Bulbous nodes at base of stem and seed head are key identifying characteristics.