

# Foxtail barley

*Hordeum jubatum*

Minnesota C-Value: 0  
Wetland Indicator Status: FAC+  
Native



**Leaves:** Greyish-green, flat, 2-5 in. long, 2-5 mm wide, soft hairs on margin. Ligule < 1 mm long. Lacks auricles.

**Stems:** Erect, up to 1m tall. Bluish-green, often with swollen nodes.

**Flowers and fruit:** Erect to nodding panicle, 2-5 in. long, with long, wispy purplish-green awns. Single flowered spikelets.

**Plant communities:** Disturbed areas, wet meadows, ditches, shores, can tolerate brackish conditions.

**Comments:** Perennial grass, quick to colonize disturbed areas. Also called 'squirrel-tail grass.'