

Annual grass invaders of arid lands in western North America

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Shaded species are replacing cheatgrass in some areas in Idaho.

| Common name | Scientific name | Comment |
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| Cheatgrass | <i>Bromus tectorum</i> | Widespread flammable |
| Medusahead wildrye | <i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i> | Coarse, not palatable, forms a mat |
| Jointed goatgrass | <i>Aegilops cylindrica</i> | Coarse, not palatable |
| Ripgut brome | <i>Bromus diandrus</i> | Not palatable, damages grazers |
| Rattail fescue | <i>Vulpia myuros</i> | Not palatable, introduced by artificial seedings |
| Feral rye | <i>Secale cereale</i> | Tall, flammable, planted post-fire in Boise foothills |
| Ventenata grass | <i>Ventenata dubia</i> | Not palatable, noxious, flammable |
| Wild oats | <i>Avena sativa, Avena fatua</i> | Crop weed |
| Red brome | <i>Bromus rubens</i> | More common in SW U.S. |
| Rattlesnake brome | <i>B. briziformis</i> | Mixed with other bromes |
| Soft chess | <i>B. hordeaceus</i> | Erect and hairy |
| Japanese brome | <i>B. japonicus</i> | Awns angled outward |
| Barren brome | <i>B. sterilis</i> | Shorter glumes, ephemerally moist sites |
| Sandbur | <i>Cenchrus longispinus</i> | Spiny burs, sandy soils |
| Dogtail | <i>Cynosurus echinatus, Cynosurus cristatus</i> | Common in western OR and WA |
| Annual wheatgrass | <i>Eremopyrum triticeum</i> | Low elevation ID |
| Lovegrass | <i>Eragrostis</i> species (8 known) | Distinctive smell |
| Foxtail barley | <i>Hordeum jubatum</i> + 4 other species | Crop weed and in ephemerally moist sites |
| Milletgrass | <i>Milium vernale</i> | Noxious in wheat fields |
| Witchgrass | <i>Panicum capillare</i> + 2 other sp | Ephemerally moist sites |
| Annual bluegrass | <i>Poa annua</i> | Low-growing |
| Hardgrass | <i>Sclerochloa dura</i> | Low-growing |
| Bristlegrass | <i>Setaria viridis</i> + 2 other species | Ephemerally moist areas |