

Wild Oats

Scientific name: *Avena fatua*

Common names: Wheat oats, oat grass

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Annual

12 to 30 inches tall

Resembles oats but has
 a more open panicle

Awns blackish, twisted,
 and bent

Seed shatters readily
 at maturity

Seed is hairy and terminates
 in a pointed oval depression

Wild oats is found in grain fields, pasture, and trashy areas. Troublesome mostly in the Northwest and western Canada.

Control: Barban (Carbyne) and triallate (Avadex BW) are registered and have given some control. Rogue lightly infested fields. Spring seeding heavily infested fields may be advisable.



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