

Wild Oats

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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

Control: Barban (Carbyne), triallate (FarGo), difenzoquat (Avenge), and diclofop (Hoelon) are registered and have given some control. Be certain to check herbicide labels for additional information and other precautions. Rogue lightly infested fields. Spring seeding heavily infested fields may be advisable.

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



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