

GLYCERIA BOREALIS (Nash) Buthcelder
Northern Manna-grass

FAMILY: Graminae (Poaceae)

HABIT: Herbaceous perennial, 0.5-1.5 m.; flowering June-August.

SIMILAR SPECIES: Many members of the Festuceae are superficially similar, and species within the genus are especially similar to each other. Identification is based upon technical characters.

TOTAL RANGE: Nfld. to s. AK, s. to N.S., s. N.E., PA, n. OH, IN, n. IL, IA, SD, CO, AZ, and CA.

STATE RANGE: LUCAS CO.: Holland, 2 Aug. 1925, E. L. Moseley (BGSU).

HABITAT: Wet places, shallow water.

HAZARDS: Grazing, drainage of the habitat.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Presumed poor, as it is sensitive to drainage modifications.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Mature flowering material needed for identification. Collect the underground parts and note density of basal tufts.

COMMENTS: This rare grass should be searched for in northern Ohio. Many records are known from southern Michigan.

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