

POA SALTUENSIS ssp. LANGUIDA Hitch.
Weak Spear-grass

FAMILY: Poaceae

HABIT: Herbaceous caespitose perennial, 3-10 dm.; flowering late May-early July.

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: MA to MN, s. to PA, KY, and IA.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Adams, Brown, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Geauga, Highland, Holmes, Logan, Lorain, Pickaway, Stark, and Summit counties. Pre-1980 records are from Lucas, Montgomery, Portage, and Wood counties.

HABITAT: In sun or semi-shade on neutral to basic substrates; woods, shores, dry prairies.

HAZARDS: Grazing, perhaps overshadowing by woody species as a result of succession.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Probably good; this grass has been found in somewhat disturbed areas in Ohio.

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

COMMENTS: This grass should be sought in limestone and glaciated areas of Ohio.

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