DIGITARIA FILIFORMIS (L.) Koel.
Slender Finger-grass

FAMILY: Gramineae (Poaceae)

HABIT: Herbaceous, erect, caespitose annual, 0.5-10 dm.; flowering August-October.

SIMILAR SPECIES: Three species of Digitaria occur in Ohio, two of which are very common. This species differs from the others by peduncle characters and its generally erect habit. This species superficially resembles members of Paspalum.

TOTAL RANGE: FL to TX and Mex., n. to s. NH, MA, NY, s. MI, IL, and IA.

STATE RANGE: There are pre-1980 records from Hocking, Jackson, Montgomery, Muskingum, Pickaway, Ross, Washington counties.

HABITAT: In full sun in sterile sandy soils.

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

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown, but probably good due to its weedy nature.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Mature flowering material, with underground parts, is needed for identification. Note density of basal tufts.

COMMENTS: This species is likely more common than the records indicate, and intensive searching should find additional locations.

SELECTED REFERENCES:
