

PANICUM LONGIFOLIUM Torrey
Long-leaved Panic Grass

FAMILY: Gramineae (Poaceae)

SYNONYMS: *Panicum rigidulum* Nees (in part)

HABIT: Densely caespitose perennial, culms to 10 dm.; flowering and fruiting late July-October.

SIMILAR SPECIES: This species resembles related species of *Panicum*, especially *P. rigidulum* with which it sometimes is merged. Identification is based upon comparison of minute floral characters.

TOTAL RANGE: TX to FL, n. along the Atlantic Coast to N.S. and in the interior to OH and KY.

STATE RANGE: ROSS CO.: Higby Prairie, 31 July 1941, F. Bartley (BHO)

STATE STATUS: 1980 to present: Presumed Extirpated.

HABITAT: A variety of moist, open situations such as meadows, river banks, and woods borders; tolerant of moderate disturbance.

HAZARDS: Overgrowth by taller vegetation through natural succession.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Probably good due to its tolerance of moderate disturbance.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect complete, mature specimens with underground parts.

COMMENTS: The habitat for this species is common throughout southern Ohio. The species may yet be extant and merely overlooked or misidentified because of its similarity to other panic grasses.

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