

PANICUM PHILADELPHICUM Bernh.  
Philadelphia Panic-grass

FAMILY: Poaceae.

HABIT: Herbaceous annual lacking winter rosettes, branched at base, erect to decumbent, 1.5-8 dm.; flowering June-October.

SIMILAR SPECIES: The genus *Panicum* is distinctive in Ohio. It is the largest genus in the family, and species distinctions are based upon minute and technical characters.

TOTAL RANGE: Nova Scotia and NY to MN, s. to GA and TX.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Erie, Lucas, Ottawa, and Pike counties. Pre-1980 records are from Carroll, Harrison, Marion, and Portage counties.

HABITAT: A diversity of situations from dry soil of open woods, fields, rocky sandy ground, to moist soil on shores of lakes and streams.

HAZARDS: Unknown, but possibly grazing.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown, but presumed good due to its generalized habitat.

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

COMMENTS: This grass is probably more common than the records indicate, and should be searched for throughout Ohio.

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