

Panicum repens

torpedo grass



Appearance: Perennial grass to 1 m (3 ft) tall, from sturdy, vigorous, widely creeping or floating rhizomes with overlapping brownish to white scales and rigid sharp-pointed (torpedo-like) growing tips.

Leaves: Aerial stems erect or leaning, lower portions often wrapped in bladeless sheaths. Upper leaf sheaths glabrous or hairy, usually at least with hairs on upper margins; ligule a short-ciliate membrane; leaf blades stiff, linear, flat or folded, to 26 cm (10 in) long and 5.3 mm (0.3 in) wide.

Flowers: In an open panicle with spreading branches; spikelets stalked, whitish, 2.2–2.8 mm (0.75–1 in) long, smooth.

Fruit: 1.8–2.7 mm (0.4–1 in) long, broadly ellipsoid.

Ecological threat:

Quickly forms monocultures that displace native vegetation, particularly in or near shallow waters. FLEPPC Category I



Distribution: NW, NE, C, SW, SE

Field Notations

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