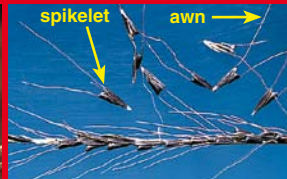
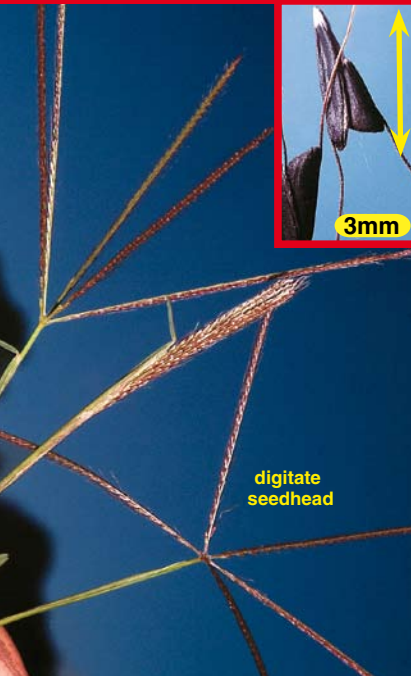


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Family: Poaceae.

Description: Tufted short-lived perennial to about 40 cm tall with a digitate seedhead (segments spreading like fingers of a hand). Leaves basal, to 14 cm long, flat or folded, bluish-green in colour. Mainly summer but may extend into autumn.

Key features: Distinguished by a terminal digitate seedhead with 5–10 radiating spikes each to about 15 cm long.

Value: Young leaves are sought after by stock and if grazing is managed and rain stimulates growth it can be repeatedly grazed. Useful to colonise and stabilise eroded or scalded areas.

Salinity and waterlogging tolerance: Low tolerance to waterlogging and salinity.

Notes: Widespread in all mainland States. Valuable warm-season grass, either scattered or dominant providing green forage when little else is available. Germinates after spring or summer rainfall. If allowed to mature and seed it becomes harsh and palatability is markedly reduced.

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