

Stinkgrass

Eragrostis cilianensis (All.) Vign. ex Janchen

Life cycle

Erect to spreading summer annual.

Leaves

Leaves are usually hairless and up to 6 inches long with a tuft of long, soft hair at the collar region. Tiny, warty glands on the leaf margins and sheath release an unpleasant odor.

Ligule

Hairy.

Stems

Erect to spreading, up to 2-foot-tall, slender stems are branched at the base. Stems have a ring of tiny glands just below the nodes, which release an unpleasant odor.



Stinkgrass collar region.



Tiny, warty glands on the leaf margins of stinkgrass.

Stinkgrass *continued*

Flowers and fruit

The seedhead is a dense to open, tan, gray-green to purple, pyramid-shaped panicle. Flattened and oblong, spikelets contain up to 40 reddish orange to brown, egg-shaped seeds.

Reproduction

Seeds.



Stinkgrass seedhead.



Stinkgrass spikelets.