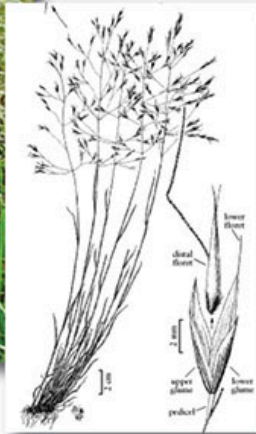
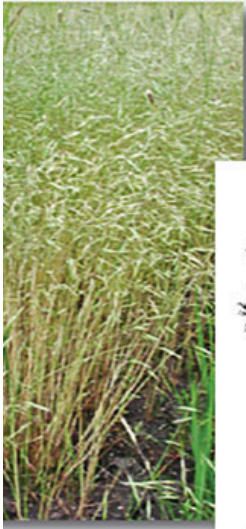




STAY CLEAR OF THIS INVASIVE GRASS

Ventenata - Ventenata dubia



Would you believe us if we said there is a invasive grass that can outcompete cheatgrass? Well believe it or not, there is! This grass has been spotted in the Northeastern corner of Wyoming. Ventenata is an aggressive non-native winter annual grass, like cheatgrass.

Goshen County has not confirmed to have Ventenata but it is a invasive grass species that landowners need to be aware of. It overwinters and produces a seedhead the following spring, usually in May and June.

Based on research of ventenata, it is believed that seeds are viable for three to five years. With a good monitoring plan and consistent treatments, it is possible to significantly reduce areas of infestation. The problem is that ventenata spreads quickly, is difficult to control, and is degrading native range, transitional forest habitats and pastures all over the western United States

Easy Way to Identify

- Color - spring, ventenata has reddish-black nodes. Late Summer, it turns light yellow or tan by late.
- Stems- Ventenata has slim, jointed hollow stems, covered in microscopic hairs.
- Panicles- Ventenata's seed head resembles the mast of an 18th century sailing ship.

Controlling and Containing Ventenata

- Mowing before the seedhead flushes can be effective.
 - Can be hand pulled when the soil is moist.
 - Herbicides include imazapic (Plateau[®]), rimsulfuron (Matrix[®]), aminopyralid (Milestone[®]), glyphosate (Round-up[®]), and indaliflam (Rejuvra[®]).
- More than one treatment required.

POISON HEMLOCK

- 6-8 ft. tall
- Stems are erect & stout
- Lower leaves clasp the stem
- White, umbrella-shaped clustered flowers
- Tolerates wet, poorly drained soils
- Poisonous to species such as wildlife, cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, & horses
- All plant parts are poisonous



Signs of poisoning:

- Excessive salivation and frothing, abortion
- Muscle twitching, rapid breathing
- Dilation of pupils



MOSQUITOES ARE BACK!

Protect yourself and your family EARLY! Goshen County Weed & Pest has rental foggers and larvicides available at the office. Use larvicides early to help reduce the adult population.

Don't forget the DRAIN, DRESS and DEFEND! Drain standing water near your home, Dress with loose fitting long sleeves and pants and Defend by using insect repellent's.

GCWP will begin trapping for mosquitoes the first week of June, check back at our website to see if we are recording any positive WNV test.

STAY IN THE KNOW

- June 13- GCWP Board Meeting @ 10:30am
- July 4th - Fourth of July (closed)

