

# Annual bluegrass

*Poa annua* L.



## Life cycle

Clump-forming winter or summer annual.

## Leaves

Hairless, soft, light green leaves are folded in the bud and lack auricles. Leaves have linear margins (sides are parallel) and distinctive boat-shaped tips.

## Ligule

Slightly pointed membranous ligule.

## Stems

Upright, bending, up to 1-foot-tall stems are clump-forming, enlarge by tillering and may root at the lower nodes.



Annual bluegrass clump.

## Flowers and fruit

The seedhead is a greenish white open panicle made up of single or paired branches that form a pyramid shape. Each spikelet contains two to six flowers.

## Reproduction

Seeds.



Annual bluegrass seedhead.



Boat-shaped leaf tip of annual bluegrass.

**Poaceae (Grass family)**