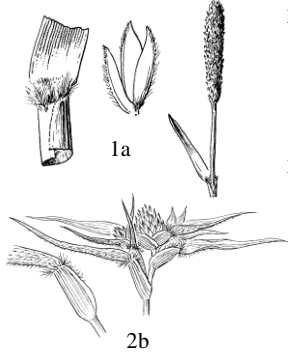


Key to species edited to add inflorescence shape as the first distinguishing character.

Crypsis Aiton Prickle Grass

Spikelets 1-fl'd, borne in much-contracted pan, laterally compressed, art above or below the glumes, but ultimately the glumes also deciduous; glumes 1-veined, strongly keeled, awnless, slightly < the lemmas; lemmas glab, 1-veined, strongly keeled, awnless, sometimes mucronate; palea subequal to lemma; ann with hollow culms, open sheaths that often become inflated, hairy ligs, and flat, non-aur bls, rolled in the bud. (Gr *kruptos*, hidden, referring to the concealed infl). (*Heleochoa*).



1a Infl cylindric; lf sheath margins glab below pilose collar; infl cylindric, 1.5–6.5 cm, base exserted from uppermost sheath at maturity; culms rarely br above base, 5–75 cm; bls flat, 5–12 cm × 1–2.5 mm, scab-puberulent above; 2nd glume ca 2 mm, slightly exceeding 1st glume and subequal to lemmas; seasonally wet, open, disturbed, often sandy areas; European intro; both sides Cas, s BC to CA, e to RMS, and in PA; foxtail p. (*H. a.*)

1 **C. alopecuroides** (Piller & Mitterp.) Schrad.

1b Infl ± shortly ovoid; lf sheath margins pubescent below pilose collar; infl ± shortly ovoid, gen 0.3–1.5 cm, base usually enclosed in the uppermost sheath at maturity; culms often heavily br above base, 1–30 cm; bls flat, 1–5 cm × 1–3 mm, glab to pilose above; glumes subequal, ca 3 mm, and subequal to lemmas; seasonally moist areas, including edges of ponds, lakes, and streams; uncommon Eurasian intro; c WA to CA, e to ID; modest p. (*C. niliaca*)

2 **C. vaginiflora** (Forssk.) Opiz