

# STOP THE SPREAD

## Reed Canary Grass

*Phalaris arundinacea*

Reed Canary Grass can dominate wetlands for decades preventing other species from growing.

### Origin

Botanists believe there are both native and non-native types of this plant. The non-native type comes from around the Mediterranean. It was introduced into North America by European settlers.

### Status

Reed Canary Grass is found throughout North America, including Manitoba. It is almost impossible to tell the native and non-native plants apart.

### Impacts

Reed Canary Grass prevents other species from growing and reduces biodiversity.

### Where to Look

This plant lives in wet meadows, wetlands and along streams. It is often seen in the same areas as Purple Loosestrife.

### Look For:

- ◊ **Leaves:** Flat, greyish-green, 9 to 25cm long. They are often rough on both surfaces.
- ◊ **Stems:** Light green to straw-coloured, hairless, and hollow.
- ◊ **Flowers:** Purplish and grow in dense, branching clusters.



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