

Common British (roadside) Grasses

Inflorescence spike-like	Rachis enclosed by spikelets	Single awn per spikelet		Meadow Foxtail	
		Two points on each spikelet		Timothy	
		Spike oval in outline		Sweet Vernal-grass	
		Spikelets with very long awns		Barley	
	One side of rachis visible			Crested Dog's-tail	
Spikelets on alternate sides of rachis	Spikelets edgeways on to rachis			Perennial Rye-grass	
	Spikelets with flat side to rachis			Common Couch	
Inflorescence branched	No awns	Spikelet with single floret	Short ligule	Common Bent	
			Long ligule	Creeping Bent	
		Spikelets with multiple florets	1-2 branches at lowest node		Annual Meadow-grass
			> 2 branches at lowest node	Short ligule	Smooth Meadow-grass
	Awned	Awns longer than florets	> 5 florets per spikelet	Long ligule	Rough Meadow-grass
				Spikelets > pedicule	Soft-brome
		Awns shorter than florets	> 5 florets per spikelet	Spikelets < pedicule	Barren Brome
				Single awn per spikelet	False Oat-grass
			< 5 florets per spikelet	Two awns per spikelet	Yellow Oat-grass
				Plant downy	Yorkshire-fog
Awns shorter than florets	Single branch at lowest whorl		Cock's-foot		
	Leaves rolled in to bristle		Red Fescue		