

# Common British Grasses

## Meadow foxtail (*Alopecurus pratensis*)



Meadow foxtail grass



Meadow foxtail grass gets its name from its long cylindrical flower head that looks like a fox's tail.

Meadow foxtail grows in dense tufts and its signature flower head is the best way to identify this grass.

## Yorkshire fog (*Holcus lanatus*)



Yorkshire fog flowers have a purple to red tinge



When Yorkshire fog flowers mature they spread out and appear less dense

Yorkshire fog grass is a common species that grows in dense tufts of up to 1 metre tall throughout the UK.

## Cocksfoot (*Dactylis glomerata*)



Cocksfoot grass has distinctive tufts of flowers



Cocksfoot flowers emerged from the spikelets

Cocksfoot grows in dense tussocks which can be between 20-140 centimetres tall. Its key characteristic is a flattened stem base which separates this grass from others.

## Timothy (*Phleum pratense*)



Timothy grass ready to flower



Timothy grass flowers emerging

Timothy grass is a popular agricultural grass and is common in a lot of pet feed. Many people are allergic to its pollen. Characterised by the cylindrical flower head, Timothy grass grows in clumps that can be as tall as 1 metre.