

# Matgrass

## BOTANICAL NAME:

*Nardus stricta*

## WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Matgrass is a perennial bunchgrass growing in tufts 8 inches high and as big as 3 feet across. The blades are typically 1/4" wide but tightly folded along the midrib so they look narrower.

## WHERE DOES IT LIKE TO GROW?

It is native to Eastern Europe and thrives in seasonally wet meadows.



**WHEN DOES IT FLOWER?** Matgrass is one of the first grasses to begin growing after the snow melts. It flowers in late May and early June.

**HOW DOES IT SPREAD?** Matgrass reproduces by tillering (additional plants growing from nodes just below the soil surface), and seed production. It spreads when the seed is moved by wind or animals, and when tufts are carried by the hooves of larger animals.

**HOW DO I CONTROL IT?** Dig up the bunches and make sure to bag them so they do not end up back in the dirt. You can also spot treat with a non-selective herbicide such as glyphosate.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE? – Call:**

**Kootenai County Noxious Weed Control**  
10905 N. Ramsey Road  
Hayden, ID 83835  
208-446-1290

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