

# Yellow bristle grass

*Setaria pumila*

## What does it look like?

Yellow bristle grass is an annual, upright growing grass 25 to 45cm tall. In open pasture its first leaves often grow parallel to the ground. Leaves are hairless, twisted and slightly rough at the edges and yellow-green to green in colour. The leaf sheath is flattened and hairless and often turns reddish purple. Its cylindrical spike, 2.5-10cm long, with many densely packed spikelets. Each spikelet is surrounded by five to 10 bristles, 5-8mm long which are green initially but later turn golden brown.

## Why is it a problem?

This plant hardens off in autumn resulting in lower pasture quality a problem particularly for milk and stock finishing producers.



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## Control Methods

Contact GWRC for advice.