

Alopecurus aequalis

[Synonyms : *Alopecurus aequalis* subsp. *aequalis*, *Alopecurus aequalis* subsp. *amurensis*, *Alopecurus aequalis* subsp. *aristulatus*, *Alopecurus aequalis* var. *brachytrichus*, *Alopecurus aequalis* var. *fluitans*, *Alopecurus aequalis* forma *foliosus*, *Alopecurus aequalis* subsp. *natans*, *Alopecurus aequalis* forma *nigricans*, *Alopecurus aequalis* forma *notacens*, *Alopecurus aequalis* var. *sonomensis*, *Alopecurus aequalis* var. *violaceus*, *Alopecurus amurensis*, *Alopecurus aristulatus*, *Alopecurus aristulatus* var. *merriamii*, *Alopecurus aristulatus* var. *natans*, *Alopecurus baptarrhenius*, *Alopecurus brachytrichus*, *Alopecurus caespitosus*, *Alopecurus diandrus*, *Alopecurus fulvus*, *Alopecurus fulvus* var. *amurensis*, *Alopecurus fulvus* var. *natans*, *Alopecurus fulvus* var. *sibiricus*, *Alopecurus fulvus* forma *violaceus*, *Alopecurus fulvus* forma *violaceus*, *Alopecurus geniculatus* var. *aequalis*, *Alopecurus geniculatus* var. *amurensis*, *Alopecurus geniculatus* var. *aristulatus*, *Alopecurus geniculatus* var. *armurensis*, *Alopecurus geniculatus* var. *caesius*, *Alopecurus geniculatus* subsp. *fulvus*, *Alopecurus geniculatus* var. *natans*, *Alopecurus geniculatus* forma *nigricans*, *Alopecurus geniculatus* forma *robustior*, *Alopecurus geniculatus* var. *robustus*, *Alopecurus hitchcockii*, *Alopecurus howellii* var. *merrimanii*, *Alopecurus paludosus*, *Alopecurus palustris* subsp. *fulvus*, *Alopecurus subaristatus*, *Tozzettia fulva*]

ORANGE FOXTAIL is a grass. Native to Asia, Europe and North America it has green flower spikelets and conspicuous orange pollen.

It is also known as Dent foxtail, *Capim-rabo-de-rabosa-laranja* (Brazilian, Portuguese), *Coda di topo arrossata* (Italian), *Coda di volpe fulva* (Italian), *Gelbrotes Fuchsschwanzgras* (German), *Gilbfuchsschwanz* (German), *Gulkavle* (Swedish), *Gul Rævehale* (Danish), *Mocsári ecsetpázsit* (Hungarian), *Psárka plavá* (Czech), *Psárka podobná* (Czech), *Rantapuntarpää* (Finnish), Red-yellow foxtail, Red-yellow foxtail grass, *Rosse vossenstaart* (Dutch), *Rotgelber Fuchsschwanz* (German), Short-awn foxtail, Short-awn meadow foxtail, Short foxtail, *Vassreverumpe* (Norwegian), *Vulpin à courtes arêtes* (French), *Vulpin fauve* (French), *Suzumenoteppou* (Japanese), *Vulpin fauve à courtes arêtes* (French), Water foxtail, *Wyczyniec czerwonożółty* (Czech), and *Ziegelrotes Fuchsschwanzgras* (German).

It is pollinated by the wind.

Aequalis is derived from Latin *aequi-* (equal) with reference to the symmetry of plant parts.

The tiny seeds which are edible when cooked, not least because of their minute size, are viewed as a famine food. Authorities note that although they can be prepared whole like millet (*Panicum miliaceum*) they are more suitable for grinding as a supplement to bread flour.

Medicinally, herbalists have used the whole plant in the past to treat chicken-pox, fluid retention and snake bites.