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Cynosurus cristatus

[Synonyms : *Phleum cristatum*]

CRESTED DOG'S-TAIL is a grass. Native to Europe (particularly the Mediterranean) it has spikelets of tiny, sometimes purple-tinged, green flowers.

It is also known as Crested dogtail grass, *Crételle des prés* (French), *Grebennik obyknovennyj* (Russian), *Grzebienica pospolita* (Polish), *Hrebienka obyčajná* (Slovak), *Kamäxing* (Swedish), *Kamgräs* (Swedish), *Pohánka hřebenitá* (Czech), *Rhonwellt y Ci* (Welsh), and *Wiesen-Kammgras* (German).

Cristatus is derived from Latin *crista* (crest) meaning 'crested or with tassel-like tips'.

It is used today for sheep grazing, and the seeds can be included in mixtures for permanent pastures, for lawns and for sports grounds.