

Dactylis glomerata

[Synonyms : *Bromus cylindraceus*, *Bromus glomeratus*, *Dactylis abbreviata*, *Dactylis altaica*, *Dactylis aschersoniana*, *Dactylis capitellata*, *Dactylis ciliata*, *Dactylis cylindracea*, *Dactylis decalcata*, *Dactylis glaucescens*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *abbreviata*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *acroantha*, *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *altaica*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *amplectens*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *angustifrons*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *aprica*, *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *aschersoniana*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *australis*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *barbata*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *capitellata*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *ciliata*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *confusa*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *congesta*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *decalcata*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *deflexa*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *detonsa*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *ebusitana*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *fleischeri*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *geomastrix*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *glaucoviridis*, *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *glomerata*, *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *hackelii*, *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *himalayensis*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *hispida*, *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *hylodes*, *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *hyrcana*, *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *ibizensis*, *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *intercedens*, *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *izcoi*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *kroulikii*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *latifolia*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *laxa*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *leiantha*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *leiostrachys*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *luxurians*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *macrocephala*, *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *marina*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *maritima*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *nemorosa*, *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *oceanica*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *orlicensis*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *pallida*, *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *pendula*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *petrakii*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *picta*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *pilosa*, *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *polygama*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *prihodae*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *pubescens*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *rigida*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *rigidior*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *scabra*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *schustleri*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *sibthorpii*, *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *sinensis*, *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *slovenica*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *spicata*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *spuria*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *stenophylla*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *stenostachys*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *subglaucescens*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *subglomerata*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *subhirsuta*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *sublaevis*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *subsessilis*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *subspiciformis*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *superglomerata*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *superpolygama*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *tenuifolia*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *trichophora*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *triramea*, *Dactylis glomerata* forma *variegata*, *Dactylis glomerata* var. *violascens*, *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *woronwii*, *Dactylis heterophylla*, *Dactylis hispanica* var. *maritima*, *Dactylis hispanica* var. *sibthorpii*, *Dactylis hyrcana*, *Dactylis ibizensis*, *Dactylis izcoi*, *Dactylis izcoi* subsp. *merinoiana*, *Dactylis juncinella* subsp. *stebbinsii*, *Dactylis kirschbaumii*, *Dactylis kovarovicii*, *Dactylis marina*, *Dactylis metlesicsii*, *Dactylis nemorosa*, *Dactylis noeana*, *Dactylis pendula*, *Dactylis peyllii*, *Dactylis polygama*, *Dactylis polygama* forma *amplectens*, *Dactylis polygama* forma *angustifrons*, *Dactylis polygama* forma *barbata*, *Dactylis polygama* forma *ciliata*, *Dactylis polygama* var. *confusa*, *Dactylis polygama* forma *deflexa*, *Dactylis polygama* var. *geomastrix*, *Dactylis polygama* var. *glaucoviridis*,

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COCK'S FOOT is a grass. Native to temperate Asia and to Europe, it has purplish-green flower spikelets.

It is also known as American orchard grass, *Byswellt* (Welsh), Clustered dactylis, Cock's foot grass, *Dactyle pelotonné* (French), Dew grass, *Gemeines Knäuelgras* (German), *Gewöhnliches Knäuelgras* (German), *Hundäxing* (Swedish), *Knäuelgras* (German), *Knäulgras* (German), *Kupkówka pospolita* (Polish), Orchard grass, *Pid-d'co* (Channel Islander-Jersey Norman-French), *Reznačka laločnatá* (Slovak), *Srha laločnatá* (Czech), *Srha říznačka* (Czech), *Troed y Ceiliog* (Welsh), and *Wiesen-Knäuelgras* (German).

Warning – it can adversely affect the growth of lambs. It is also an important cause of hay fever.

Glomerata is derived from Latin *glomero* (to form into a sphere, rounded heap) meaning 'clustered into relatively rounded heads'.

This is one of the most well-known grazing and haymaking grasses, used particularly for fattening cattle. It is said to have contributed to the establishment of some of the most productive permanent grassland.

It is also a species sought out by cats and dogs. Apparently the grass envelops bone splinters collected in their stomachs.