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*Dactylis glomerata*

[Synonyms : *Bromus glomeratus*, *Festuca glomerata*, *Limnetis glomerata*, *Phalaris glomerata*, *Trachypoa vulgaris*]

**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* means ‘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.