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Holcus lanatus

[Synonyms : *Aira holcus-lanata*, *Aira holcus-lanatus*, *Avena lanata*, *Avena pallida*, *Ginannia lanata*, *Ginannia pubescens*, *Holcus mollis*, *Nothoholcus lanatus*, *Notholcus lanatus*]

YORKSHIRE-FOG is a grass. Native to Asia and Europe (including Britain), it has pale green, whitish, pinkish or purple flower spikelets.

It is also known as *Bucharnik šerstistyj* (Russian), *Cawnen Benwen* (Welsh), Common velvet grass, Creeping soft-grass, *Houlque laineuse* (French), *Kłosówka welnista* (Polish), *Luddtätel* (Swedish), *Maswellt* (Welsh), Meadow soft-grass, *Medínok vlnatý* (Slovak), *Medyněk vlnatý* (Czech), Mesquite-grass, *Molle hèrebe* (Channel Islander-Jersey Norman-French), Soft grass, Tufted soft grass, Variegated soft grass, Velvet grass, White soft grass, *Wolliges Honiggras* (German), Woolly soft grass, and Yorkshire whites.

Warning – it can be poisonous for animals in some countries, leading to death.

Lanatus is Latin (woolly, wool-bearing) with reference to the leaves.

Records note that in 18th Century England yorkshire-fog was cultivated and threshed for its seeds that were probably used in making local cheeses.

Today Yorkshire-fog can be grown for pasture, hay and horse feed.