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Mibora minima

[Synonyms : *Agrostis minima*, *Mibora verna*]

EARLY SAND-GRASS is an annual grass. Native to south-western and southern Europe it has tiny, greenish-red or purple spikelets.

It is also known as *Cappellini minori* (Italian), *Eiddil-welltyn Cynnar* (Welsh), *Keriheinä* (Finnish), *Mibora mínima* (Spanish), *Mibora printanière* (French), *Pysslinggräs* (Swedish), Sand bent, *Trpaslička nejmenší* (Czech), and *Zwerggras* (German).

This is a threatened species in Britain.

Minima means ‘ very small or smallest’.

Some authorities claim that this is Britain’s smallest grass.

This grass is cultivated for ornamental purposes and according to some authorities will flower when less than ½ an inch tall. It can also be grown specifically to shade the roots of certain plants such as terrestrial orchids.