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### *Phalaris aquatica*

[Synonyms : *Phalaris altissima*, *Phalaris arundinacea* subsp. *bulbosa*, *Phalaris bulbosa*, *Phalaris bulbosa* var. *alata*, *Phalaris bulbosa* var. *clausonis*, *Phalaris bulbosa* var. *genuina*, *Phalaris bulbosa* var. *hirtiglumis*, *Phalaris commutata*, *Phalaris elongata*, *Phalaris nodosa*, *Phalaris nodosa* var. *minor*, *Phalaris stenoptera*, *Phalaris tuberosa*, *Phalaris tuberosa* var. *alata*, *Phalaris tuberosa* var. *clausonis*, *Phalaris tuberosa* var. *hirtiglumis*, *Phalaris tuberosa* var. *stenoptera*]

**BULBOUS CANARYGRASS** is a perennial grass. Native to southern Europe and the Mediterranean it has often purple-tinged, pale green spikelets.

It is also known as *Abu damim* (Persian), *Alpiste bulbeux* (French), *Alpiste noueux* (Moroccan), *Alpiste perenne de Australia* (Cuban), *Alpiste tubéreux* (Moroccan), *Bljestac ostrî* (Croatian), *Bulb canary grass*, *Canary grass*, *Capim-doce* (Portuguese), *Chafurit hapekaim* (Hebrew), *Falaride tuberosa* (Italian), *Falaris bulbosa* (Argentine), *Falaris perenne* (Spanish), *Haadingu gurasu* (Japanese), *Harding grass*, *Harding's grass*, *Herbe de Harding* (French), *Kanareecnik klubnevoj* (Russian), *Knölflen* (Swedish), *Knolkanariegras* (Afrikaans), *Knolliges Glanzgras* (German), *Knolrietgras* (Dutch), *Köksapli yumrulu kanyas* (Turkish), *Koram* (Egyptian), *Mata dulce* (Argentine), *Mozga bulwiasta waskooskrzydłona* (Polish), *Phalaris*, *Phalaris noueux* (Belgian), *Phalaris tubéreux* (French), *Quambu* (Persian), *Rabillo de cordero* (Spanish), *Tall canary grass*, *Toowoomba canary grass*, *Zacate de alpiste* (Spanish), and *Zwiebellieschgras* (German).

Seeds are distributed by wind, water and animal fur.

Warning - the grass can be poisonous for livestock in certain climatic conditions. (*Phalaris staggers* is one of several forms of poisoning and can cause sometimes longlasting nervous disorders in sheep and cattle. Other forms can cause death in sheep or horses.)

*Aquatica* means 'growing in or near water'.

This grass is used as fodder, particularly in Austria.

In California (United States) the grass has been declared an invasive weed.