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Poa alpina

[Synonyms : *Poa alpina* var. *minor*, *Poa alpina* subsp. *vivipara*, *Poa borisii*, *Poa elbrussica*, *Poa pratensis* var. *alpina*, *Poa violascens*, *Poa vivipara*, *Uralepis mutica*, *Uralepis mutica*]

ALPINE MEADOWGRASS is a perennial grass. Native to the northern hemisphere (particularly Russia and central Asia) it has often purple tinged, green flower spikelets. It is also known as *Alpen-Rispengras* (German), Alpine bluegrass, Alpine poa, *Alpi nurmikas* (Estonian), Blue grass, *Fienarola delle Alpi* (Italian), *Fjällgröe* (Swedish), *Gao shan mei ji* (Chinese), *Gao shan zao shu he* (Chinese), *Lipnica alpinska* (Slovak), *Lipnice alpinská* (Czech), *Lipnice alpská* (Czech), *Mjatlík alpinskij* (Russian), Mountain bluegrass, Mountain pasture grass, *Pâturin des Alpes* (French), *Romeie* (German), *Tràthach ailpeach* (Scots Gaelic), *Tunturinurmikka* (Finnish), *Wiechlina alpejska* (Polish), *Wiechlina alpínska* (Polish), and *Wyklina alpejska* (Polish).

This grass is protected in Michigan (United States) as it is viewed as endangered in the wild there.

Alpina means ‘alpine’ ie. found above the tree line.

This is the grass that is common on alpine grazing grounds in the Himalayas.