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Poa chaixii

[Synonyms : *Poa commutata*, *Poa haemi*, *Poa remota*, *Poa silvatica*, *Poa sudetica*, *Poa sylvatica*]

BROAD-LEAVED MEADOWGRASS is a perennial grass. Native to Europe and south-western Asia it has pale green flower spikelets.

It is also known as *Bergbeemdgras* (Dutch), *Bosbeemdgras* (Dutch), Broadleaf bluegrass, *Chaix' Rispengras* (German), Chaix's bluegrass, Chaix's meadowgrass, *Fienarola di Chaix* (Italian), Forest blue meadowgrass, *Lipnica chaixova* (Slovak), *Lipnice širolistá* (Czech), *Metsnurmikas* (Estonian), *Mjatlik rasstavlennyj* (Russian), *Parkgröe* (Swedish), *Parkrapp* (Norwegian), *Pâturin de Chaix* (French), *Pâturin des bois* (French), *Pâturin de Silésie* (French), *Poa de los bosques* (Spanish), *Puistonurmikka* (Finnish), *Sudetisk rapgræs* (Danish), *Wald-Rispengras* (German), *Wiechlina Chaixa* (Polish), *Wyklina Chaixa* (Polish), and *Zha shi zao shu he* (Chinese).

Chaixii commemorates a French Jesuit priest and botanist, Dominique Chaix (1730-1799). This grass was introduced to Britain in the early 18th Century where it was planted to add volume to open woodland on large estates. Since then it has been cultivated as an ornamental.