

Rostraria cristata

[Synonyms : *Alopecurus ciliatus*, *Bromus cristatus*, *Bromus cultus*, *Bromus poiformis*, *Bromus trivialis*, *Festuca cristata*, *Festuca gerardii*, *Festuca glaucescens*, *Festuca phleoides*, *Koeleria anomala*, *Koeleria brachystachya*, *Koeleria campestris*, *Koeleria cristata*, *Koeleria dactyloides*, *Koeleria feldmannii*, *Koeleria figarei*, *Koeleria gerardii*, *Koeleria laxa*, *Koeleria paradoxa*, *Koeleria phleoides*, *Koeleria phleoides* var. *biseta*, *Koeleria phleoides* var. *brachystachya*, *Koeleria phleoides* var. *glabriflora*, *Koeleria phleoides* var. *persica*, *Koeleria phleoides* var. *pseudolobulata*, *Koeleria phleoides* var. *recurviflora*, *Koeleria phleoides* var. *subcapitata*, *Koeleria phleoides* var. *submutica*, *Koeleria phleoides* var. *vivipara*, *Koeleria recurviflora*, *Koeleria trapezuntina*, *Koeleria trivialis*, *Koeleria tuberculosa*, *Ktenosachne tenerrima*, *Leptochloa phleoidea*, *Lophochloa cristata*, *Lophochloa cristata* var. *pseudolobulata*, *Lophochloa cristata* var. *vivipara*, *Lophochloa paradoxa*, *Lophochloa phleoides*, *Lophochloa phleoides* var. *trichantha*, *Rostraria brachystachya*, *Rostraria cristata* subsp. *glabriflora*, *Rostraria cristata* var. *pubiglumis*, *Rostraria cristata* subsp. *subcapitata*, *Rostraria glabriflora*, *Rostraria phleoides*, *Rostraria recurviflora*, *Schedonorus gerardii*, *Trisetaria cristata*, *Trisetaria phleoides*, *Trisetum cristatum*, *Trisetum minutiflorum*, *Trisetum smyrnaeum*, *Wilhelmsia caucasica*]

MEDITERRANEAN HAIRGRASS is a tufted annual grass. Native to Asia, southern Europe, the Middle East, North Africa to north-western India, and Pakistan, it has flowered spikelets with slender straight bristle.

It is also known as Annual cat's-tail, Annual cat's-tail grass, Annual junegrass, *Borstäxing* (Swedish), and Cat-tail grass.

Cristata is derived from Latin *crista* (crest) meaning 'crested or with tassel-like tips'. In Pakistan this grass can be used as fodder where it grows in quantity.