

**SCRIBNER'S  
ROSETTE GRASS**  
*Dichanthelium oligosanthes*  
 (J.A. Schultes) Gould var.  
*scribnerianum* (Nash) Gould  
 Plant symbol = PASC5

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**Alternate Names**

Scribner panic, Scribner panicum, Heller's rosette grass, Scribners panicum, scribner's panicum, *Panicum helleri*, *Panicum scribnerianum*, *Panicum scoparium*

**Uses**

Scribner's rosette grass and other low panicums furnish some green forage to livestock during the winter.

*Wildlife:* Deer eat the green leaves and birds eat the seed.

**Status**

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**Description**

Grass Family (Poaceae). Scribner's rosette grass is a native, cool-season, perennial bunch grass. The height is less than 18 inches. The leaf blade is broad with long stiff hairs on the margin and sometimes

hairy underneath. The leaf sheath is mostly basal, short, and hairy. The seedhead has an open panicle.

**Management**

Low panicums grow so close to the ground that it is difficult for livestock to overgraze them. Because they are seldom grazed between the time seedheads emerge in the spring and growth starts in the fall, no special management practices are required.

**Establishment**

Growth generally initiates in the late fall. The basal leaves form rosettes, which grow little during the winter, but stay green. It produces seedheads and leaves along the stems in the spring. A few plants start growth in the spring and in the fall produce a reduced seedhead partly protected by the leaves. Low panicums grow on all sites, except marshes.

**Cultivars, Improved and Selected Materials (and area of origin)**

Please contact your local NRCS Field Office.

**Reference**

Leithead, H.L., L.L. Yarlett, & T.N. Shiflett. 1976. 100 native forage grasses in 11 southern states. USDA SCS *Agriculture Handbook No. 389*, Washington, DC.

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