

ITALIAN RYEGRASS

Genus/species	<i>Lolium multiflorum</i>
Synonyms	Annual Ryegrass, Short Rotation Ryegrass, Westerwolds Ryegrass <i>Festuca perennis</i>
Family	Poaceae
Distribution	Found in every state in the US
Comments	Italian Ryegrass is often used for erosion control. Though quite similar to perennial ryegrass, Italian Ryegrass is an annual or biennial. It grows to 2-3 feet tall. The plants have numerous, long, narrow, stiff leaves near its base. The undersurface of the leaves is bright, glossy and smooth. The flower stems are round and nearly naked. The flowers are spikes with a long bristle at the top of the stems.

