

Canada bluejoint

Calamagrostis canadensis

Minnesota C-Value: 4
Wetland Indicator Status: OBL
Native



Leaves: Thin leaves 2-4 mm wide, hairless sheath, dry papery ligule similar to reed canary grass.

Stems: Slender, erect, unbranched, up to 5 ft. Purple-blue toward base and frequently has purple joints.

Flowers and fruit: Single flowers in spikelets (2-6 mm long), many spikelets on slender stalks. Tufts of hair at base of flowers.

Plant communities: Sedge meadow, wet to wet-mesic prairie, wet meadows, shallow marsh, shrub carr.

Comments: Perennial grass. Has the appearance of many other grasses, especially at a distance. Key characteristics are purplish-blue stem nodes, dense, blue tinged leaves, and tufts of hair at the base of each floret. Reed canary grass has wider leaves, is bright green, and lacks hairs at the base of each flower.

