

# Caucasian bluestem

# Bothriochloa bladhii

# **Description**

Introduced to the United States as a forage grass.

## Habit

Perennial grass growing up to 59 in. in height.

## Leaves

Cauline with glabrous leaf blades; 8-14 in. long and 0.04-0.2 in. wide. The membranous ligule is 0.02-0.06 in. long with sparse white hairs. When crushed, they have a strong turpentine smell.

#### **Stems**

Culms are erect and grow 40-90 cm.

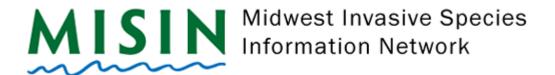
## **Flowers**

Reddish panicle that grows 2-6 in. long. Central rachis grow from 2-5 in. long with many branches that range from 1.2-3 in. long. Spikelets have awns that grow 0.4-0.7 in. long.

## **Fruits and Seeds**

Fruit (Caryopsis) are lanceolate to oblong and





somewhat flattened.

#### Habitat

Native to subtropical Africa and Asia. Can be found in roadsides, rangeland pastures, waste places, and open disturbed sites. Established in the southern and central United States.

## Reproduction

By seed and short rhizomes.

## **Similar**

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