Setaria macrostachya

Plains Bristlegrass

Family: Gramineae
Genus: Setaria
Species: macrostachya
Height: 40 to 120 cm
Blooms: May to October
Elevation: 3,500 to 5,500 feet (occasionally 2,000 to 7,000 feet)
Habitat: Open rocky hills and plains and brush-covered slopes
Leaves: 3 to 10 mm wide, 15 to 40 cm long
Ligule: Dense ring of hairs 2-4 mm long.
Panicle: Spikelike, 5 to 15 cm long (occasionally 25 cm), 5 to 10 mm thick
Range: Texas to Colorado, southern Arizona, and Mexico
Notes: Palatable, but secondary forage value (Gould 1993), sometimes considered good to excellent and grazed to its detriment (Humphrey 1970).

References

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