KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS

Poa pratensis

FAMILY:

Gramineae

TRIBE:

Festuceae

GENUS:

Poa

SPECIES:

pratensis

COMMON NAMES:

Kentucky Bluegrass

June Grass

Common Meadow Grass

POLLEN GRAINS:

Spheroidal, 22.5 to 32 microns in diameter. Germ pore somewhat irregularly shaped and capped by a small operculum likewise irregular. The exine more coarsely granular compared to other grasses.

POLLINATING PERIOD:

May and June

DISTRIBUTION:

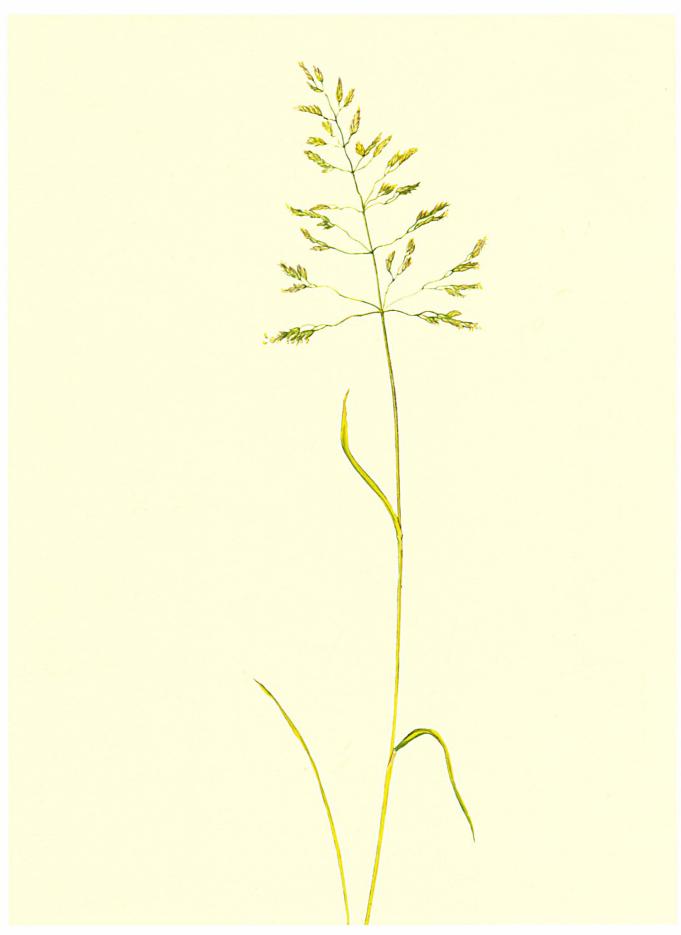
Widely distributed throughout the United States except in arid regions.

Not common in the Gulf states.

ALLERGIC IMPORTANCE: Of prime importance in areas of abundance.

Kentucky Bluegrass is a slender erect perennial 1 to 3 feet tall. It is tufted and spreads by creeping rhizomes. The blades are soft, flat or folded. The panicle is pyramidal, loosely spreading at maturity.

This grass is a common lawn and pasture grass, also found in open woods, meadows and open ground.



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