

# PORCUPINE GRASS

*STIPA SPATEA*

Porcupine grass is a pale green grass that usually leans to the side due to the weight of the spikelet. This grass has spikelets with needle-like points that cling to anything passing by. Inside of the spikelets is a seed connected to a stiff bristle. The seed falls from the spikelet and the bristle coils and uncoils with changes in moisture. This motion slowly drills the seed into the ground.



- Native bees use the grasses for nesting material.
- The seeds are sharp enough to injure humans and the mouths of grazing animals.