Cocksfoot - *Dactylis glomerata*











Description

Cocksfoot is a tufted grass with blue-green leaf blades up to 45cm long. The blades are rough in texture and are up to 14mm wide. The flowering stem is rigid and holds flowers in rounded clusters.

The plant grows in neutral to basic soils in unmanaged grassland and can be present in W10 woodlands if not heavily grazed.

As with many grasses, they can compete with newly planted trees. As such, effective weed control is especially important for tree establishment in sites with a large population of cocksfoot.

Soil regimes

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Soil reac- tion (R)	7
Nitrogen	
availability	6
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