

Dactylis glomerata - Cocksfoot



Plant description

Cocksfoot is a common, coarse, tufted grass with blue-green leaf blades up to 45 cm long. The leaves have a rough texture and are up to 14 mm wide. The flowering stem is rigid and holds flowers in rounded clusters (somewhat resembling the shape of a rooster's foot).

What does this tell me about my woodland?

Cocksfoot is a very vigorous species that forms tussocks in unmanaged grasslands. As with many grasses, the species can compete with newly planted trees. As such, effective weeding is especially important for tree establishment in sites with a large population of cocksfoot.

pH – Neutral to mildly alkaline

Occurs in NVC Communities – W10