

Deschampsia cespitosa - Tufted Hair-Grass



Plant description

This common grass grows in dense tufts, with long, rough, dark green leaves. These have forward pointing hairs running the length of the blade along parallel grooves. This makes the leaf rough when felt from tip to base. The flower stalks can reach 1m and hold multiple 2-flowered spikelets.

What does this tell me about my woodland?

Tufted hair-grass prefers damp, neutral soils. The species can compete with newly planted trees. As such, effective weed control is especially important for tree establishment in sites with a large population of tufted hair-grass.

pH – Mildly acidic, neutral and alkaline

Occurs in NVC Communities – W7, W8, W9