

Elymus trachycaulus (Link) Gould ex Shinnars [*Agropyron can - inum* (L.) P. Beauv., misapplied; *A. subsecundum* (Link) Hitchc., in part; *A. trachycaulum* (Link) Malte ex H. F. Lewis].
SLENDER WHEAT GRASS. A transcontinental species with a Canadian, northern Great Plains and far western center of distribution, reaching eastward only into glaciated areas; in Wisconsin common in dry prairies, open woods, **bracken grasslands**, sand barrens, on cliffs, lakeshores and dunes, and sometimes as a weed on roadsides, railroads and other waste places. (9) Flowering from late June to mid July, fruiting from mid July to late September.

Despite much study, there remains a lack of understanding of the variability and proper infraspecific classification of this polymorphic species. Of the five variants that have been recognized for Wisconsin, ssp. *trachycaulus*, the characteristic Slender Wheat Grass of the prairie states, is the most common.