

# Wooly Bed Grass

## *Lanae stratum gramen*



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### Description

The Wooly Bed Grass (*L. stratum*) is a perennial grass that can grow up to 1 ft tall. It features narrow, bright green blades with a distinct wavy edge. The spikelets are slender and greenish, appearing in late summer. It reproduces by seeds and has deep roots, allowing it to spread quickly. It primarily relies on wind for seed dispersal and is long-lived.

### Background

The Wooly Bed Grass originated from temperate regions of Asia and was introduced for its ornamental and potential soil stabilization properties.

It thrives in moist environments and is commonly found along stream banks, wet meadows, and floodplains. It prefers well-drained, fertile soils and can tolerate clay. This grass grows best in sunny to partially shaded areas.

### Ecological Impact

While the Wooly Bed Grass can form dense stands, its ability to establish quickly is a benefit for erosion control and habitat creation in areas where native vegetation has been lost.