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GIANT FOXTAIL

Setaria magna (*Chaetochloa magna*)

Located in swamps, bottomlands and brackish swales in southern New Jersey and south.

The stems of this annual grass may stand up to 4 m high. Leaves rough on both sides, 0.3 to 0.7 m long and 1 to 3 cm wide. The flowering structure is 8 to 60 cm long and 2 to 7 cm diameter; blooming from July through October; nodding near the top. Bristles on the grain are very long and give the appearance of a fox's tail.

The grains of most grasses and sometimes the young shoots are important food for waterfowl and upland game birds. Stands of grass attract marsh birds, waterfowl and shorebirds. Young shoots may be eaten by deer, muskrat and beaver.



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