

Weeping lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*)

Family name: Poa (Poaceae)

Native range: Southern Africa

NJ Status: Emerging Stage 2. Uncommon (may be regionally common or abundant). It is *highly threatening* to natural plant communities. All detected occurrences should be eradicated.

General description:

- Warm-season, perennial grass, 1'-4' tall
- Clumping habit
- Not rhizomatous
- Does not spread from nodes

Leaves:

- Typically reclining rather than upright
- Arched, flat, narrow, 0.1" wide
- Grey-green
- Ligule (tongue-like organ located at leaf base and stem junction) with long hairs
- Sheath (base of leaf that surrounds stem) has long hairs inside the upper margin and along the collar



Fringed sheath

Weeping love grass in cultivation



Habitat:

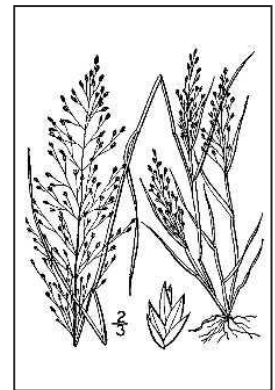
- Roadsides, meadows, Pine Barrens, landscaping
- Planted as an ornamental and for erosion control

Commercial availability: Yes

Look-alikes:

Frank's love grass (*Eragrostis frankii*)

- Rare (NJ Natural Heritage Database), native, annual grass of moist stream banks
- 4"-12" tall
- Blooms September
- Typically erect



Frank's love grass

Purple love grass (*Eragrostis spectabilis*)

- Native, perennial grass of sandy fields and roadsides
- 1'-3' tall
- Blooms June-October
- Seedhead is bright purple until maturity, then breaking off easily

Purple love grass



Flowers:

- Diffuse, not showy
- Nodding, small. 0.2"-0.4" long, 0.1" wide and gray-green
- Blooms late summer-early fall



Fruit:

- Small, yellow seeds



Chinese fountaingrass (*Pennisetum alopecuroides*)

- Ornamental, non-native perennial grass
- Up to 3' tall
- Blooms dense, in September
- Typically erect

Chinese fountain grass