

Old-Witch Grass is a native weed, abundant in gardens and cultivated land, and in waste places. It has little, if any, agricultural value.



OLD WITCH GRASS  
*Panicum capillare*, (S)

Crab Grass, *Digitaria sanguinalis*, (Scop.), or *Panicum sanguinale*, (L.), is an annual with an erect or ascending branching stem, 1-4 feet long, from a decumbent, often creeping base. Nodes and sheaths more or less hairy. Leaf-blades lax, 2-6 inches long, thin and rough to the

touch. Flowers in 3-12 racemes; spikelets in pairs, 1 flowered; pedicel strongly angled; first glume present and minute; second glume about one-half as long as the pale or grayish fertile lemma. Crab Grass is a variable European plant, flowering from August to October, and found in cultivated fields and waste ground. It is quite common in Quebec and Ontario.

Smooth Finger Grass, *Digitaria humifusa*, (Pers.), or *Panicum glabrum*, (Gaud.), is closely related to Crab Grass.

It has a smooth stem, or culm, 6-16 inches high, much branched below and spreading, ascending or nearly prostrate. Leaves 1-5 inches long and thin. Flowers in 2-6 racemes, which are aggregated, divergent, often curved and 1-5 inches long; spikelets solitary or in twos, the glume and sterile lemma equal, densely short, hairy between the nerves, and as long as the dark-brown fertile lemma. This species is another introduced European plant found in cultivated fields and waste ground chiefly about towns and along railways. It is an annual, flowering from August to October.

Low, or Annual Spear Grass, *Poa annua*, (L).—Annual Spear Grass has a low, rarely over 10 inches,