

## CRESTED WHEATGRASS

(*Agropyron cristatum*)

**GROWTH HABIT:** A perennial bunchgrass, without rhizomes, growing to a height of 1½ to 2½ feet. It starts growth in early spring and flowers in late spring; reproduces from seeds and shoots (tillers); may regrow in the fall if moisture is sufficient.

**LEAVES:** Leaf blades flat, vary in fineness with the vigor of the plant, usually smooth; sheaths smooth or hairy on lower leaves; leaves rolled in the bud; ligules short and membranous; auricles short, pointed and clasping the stem.

**SEEDS:** A dense spikelet, with a conspicuously flattened head, 1½ to 3 inches long, tapering toward the tip; spikelets numerous, overlapping and placed flat-wise on the rachis, contain four to eight florets per spikelet; glumes about half the length of spikelet; glumes and lemmas usually taper to a point or into a short awn.

