Perennial C3 tufted grass, 30-100 cm tall. Frost resistant.
The photo below taken in January, following extremely dry winter with rains starting late October, demonstrating the C3’s ability to respond to rainfall any time of year.
Elymus is short lived, acting almost like an annual. It has the ability to colonize bare earth (see photo bottom right).
I have had very good swards appearing after Advance Sowing with oats.

**Identification**

**Stems** slender, erect

**Leaves** flat or inrolled, to 40 cm, 2-4 mm wide, tapering gradually to a fine point, upper surface and margins rough.

**Seedhead** slender, spike-like, 15 cm long.

**Seeds** 4-6 mm long, very rough awn up to 4 cm long which curves away from the stem at maturity.

**Flowering** late winter to autumn, depending on rainfall.

To distinguish from Tall Brome, before seeds fully mature, look for a small “flag” leaf protruding at right angles 2-6cm below the seed head (see photo a and b).