



Characteristics

**Conservation Plant Characteristics**

*Hordeum vulgare* L.  
**common barley**  
**HOVU**

**Summary**

Duration	Annual	Federal T/E Status
Growth Habit	Graminoid	National Wetland Indicator
U.S. Nativity		

**Morphology/Physiology**

Active Growth Period	Fall, Winter and Spring	Fruit/Seed Conspicuous	Yes
After Harvest Regrowth Rate	Slow	Growth Form	Bunch
Bloat	None	Growth Rate	Rapid
C:N Ratio	Medium	Height at Base Age, Maximum	
Coppice Potential	No	Height at Maturity	2.5
Fall Conspicuous	No	Known Allelopath	No
Fire Resistant	No	Leaf Retention	No
Flower Color	Yellow	Lifespan	Short
Flower Conspicuous	No	Low Growing Grass	No
Foliage Color	Green	Nitrogen Fixation	
Foliage Porosity Summer	Moderate	Resprout Ability	No
Foliage Porosity Winter	Porous	Shape and Orientation	Erect
Foliage Texture	Fine	Toxicity	None
Fruit/Seed Color	Brown		

**Growth Requirements**

Adapted To Coarse Textured Soils	No	Moisture Use	Medium
Adapted To Medium Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Minimum	5
Adapted To Fine Textured Soils	No	pH, Maximum	8.5
Anaerobic Tolerance	Low	Planting Density Per Acre, Minimum	
CaCO3 Tolerance	Medium	Planting Density Per Acre, Maximum	
Cold Stratification Required	No	Precipitation, Minimum	12
Drought Tolerance	Medium	Precipitation, Maximum	65
Fertility Requirement	Medium	Root Depth, Minimum	10
Fire Tolerance	Low	Salinity Tolerance	Medium
Frost Free Days, Minimum	90	Shade Tolerance	Intolerant

Hedge Tolerance	None	Temperature, Minimum (°F)	-43
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**Reproduction**

Bloom Period	Spring	Propagated By Cuttings	No
Commercial Availability	Routinely Available	Propagated By Seed	Yes
Fruit/Seed Abundance	High	Propagated By Sod	No
Fruit/Seed Period Begin	Spring	Propagated By Sprigs	No
Fruit/Seed Period End	Summer	Propagated By Tubers	No
Fruit/Seed Persistence	No	Seed Per Pound	13600
Propagated By Bare Root	No	Seed Spread Rate	Slow
Propagated By Bulbs	No	Seedling Vigor	High
Propagated By Container	No	Small Grain	Yes
Propagated By Corms	No	Vegetative Spread Rate	None

**Suitibility/Use**

Berry/Nut/Seed Product	No	Palatable Browse Animal	Medium
Christmas Tree Product	No	Palatable Graze Animal	High
Fodder Product	Yes	Palatable Human	Yes
Fuelwood Product	None	Post Product	No
Lumber Product	No	Protein Potential	Medium
Naval Store Product	No	Pulpwood Product	No
Nursery Stock Product	No	Veneer Product	No

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Active Growth Period	Fall, Winter and Spring	Fruit/Seed Conspicuous	No
After Harvest Regrowth Rate	Moderate	Growth Form	Bunch
Bloat	None	Growth Rate	Rapid
C:N Ratio	Low	Height at Base Age, Maximum	
Coppice Potential	No	Height at Maturity	3
Fall Conspicuous	No	Known Allelopath	No
Fire Resistant	No	Leaf Retention	No
Flower Color	Yellow	Lifespan	Short

Flower Conspicuous	No	Low Growing Grass	No
Foliage Color	Green	Nitrogen Fixation	
Foliage Porosity Summer	Porous	Resprout Ability	No
Foliage Porosity Winter	Porous	Shape and Orientation	Erect
Foliage Texture	Medium	Toxicity	None
Fruit/Seed Color	Brown		

**Growth Requirements**

Adapted To Coarse Textured Soils	No	Moisture Use	Medium
Adapted To Medium Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Minimum	6.5
Adapted To Fine Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Maximum	8.5
Anaerobic Tolerance	None	Planting Density Per Acre, Minimum	
CaCO3 Tolerance	High	Planting Density Per Acre, Maximum	
Cold Stratification Required	No	Precipitation, Minimum	5
Drought Tolerance	Low	Precipitation, Maximum	24
Fertility Requirement	Medium	Root Depth, Minimum	12
Fire Tolerance	None	Salinity Tolerance	High
Frost Free Days, Minimum	200	Shade Tolerance	Intolerant
Hedge Tolerance		Temperature, Minimum (°F)	12

**Reproduction**

Bloom Period	Late Winter	Propagated By Cuttings	No
Commercial Availability	Routinely Available	Propagated By Seed	Yes
Fruit/Seed Abundance	High	Propagated By Sod	No
Fruit/Seed Period Begin	Spring	Propagated By Sprigs	No
Fruit/Seed Period End	Spring	Propagated By Tubers	No
Fruit/Seed Persistence	No	Seed Per Pound	14000
Propagated By Bare Root	No	Seed Spread Rate	Moderate
Propagated By Bulbs	No	Seedling Vigor	High
Propagated By Container	No	Small Grain	Yes
Propagated By Corms	No	Vegetative Spread Rate	None

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Christmas Tree Product	No	Palatable Graze Animal	High
Fodder Product	Yes	Palatable Human	Yes
Fuelwood Product	None	Post Product	No
Lumber Product	No	Protein Potential	Low
Naval Store Product	No	Pulpwood Product	No
Nursery Stock Product	No	Veneer Product	No

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