

SPHINXIAUS GRAMINEUS

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The plant is a slender, upright, culmless grass, growing in wet places, such as swamps, bogs, and along the edges of ponds and streams. It is a perennial grass, with a thick, fibrous root system. The leaves are narrow, linear-lanceolate, and have a distinct midrib. The inflorescence is a dense, branched panicle, with the spikelets arranged in a regular, alternating pattern. The spikelets are small, and the glumes are broad and ovate. The grass is a common species in wetland areas, and is often used as a forage crop for livestock. It is also a good cover crop for soil erosion control. The plant is a member of the tribe Sphindieae, and is closely related to the genus Sphindus. It is a native species of the temperate regions of the Northern Hemisphere.