*Briza maxima

Commonly: Blowfly Grass, Quaking Grass

Vascular Plant Family: Poaceae

Flowers spring to early summer

*Briza maxima is an annual grass to 50cm tall. It is a native of the Mediterranean Region.



The leaves are up to 20cm long and 5mm wide, with a membranous ligule.



The inflorescence is loose with slender branches and broad, drooping heads.



The spikelets are broad with several bisexual flowers. The 2 glumes ovate 7-9 ribbed and unequal in size.



*Indicates it is a weed