

Eragrostis curvula,

Weeping Lovegrass

Another clumping, perennial grass, this plant is tolerant to fire and drought as well as cold weather. It is poor habitat for wildlife and most often occurs in colonies along rights-of-way and old fields. This grass was originally planted as erosion control and is native to Africa.

Population Status: Confirmed- Lower Hudson PRISM, LIISMA. Scattered throughout southern states to NE, OH, WA, and MA.

Description: This grass arches and droops in all directions, giving it a weeping shape where it draws its name from. It is dispersed by water, equipment, and soil and can produce vast amounts of seed. It tolerant of a wide range of pH levels is very salt-tolerant as well.

Control: Dig out roots when seeds are not present. When seeds are present, clean equipment in order to prevent spread.

Look-alikes: Frank's love grass (native and rare), Purple love grass (native), Chinese fountaingrass (nonnative)

Flower Time and Description: Tall flower stalks appear in May-August that can reach 6 feet tall. The inflorescence of this grass can reach 16 inches long. Spikelets contain 4-15 florets.

