

# Recommendations for Reed Canary Grass

Assessment results based on 3/6/03 meeting:

**Impact** Very High (52.5)  
**Potential for Expansion** High (31)  
**Difficulty of Management** High (26)  
**Value** Low (6)

Group	Current Status	Recommendation	Need to	Who
<b>Government</b>				
DNR	Not planted on DNR land; allowed by Div of Recl, Div. of SC uses FOTGs for forage, not sure re. others	No DNR division uses/recommends RCG for erosion control or wildlife purposes, and recommendations for forage use must follow NRCS FOTG	Clarify current rules/policies in DNR	Bob, Lee
INDOT	Not in current seed specs	Assure it never gets into seed specs	Rule to keep it out of future seed specs	Rick
NRCS	Recommended in Pasture and Hayland Seeding FOTG; don't think it is in any other FOTG	Recommend RCG for ONLY forage use, and ONLY in wet soil conditions, and ONLY when used with BMPs to control invasiveness	Revise Pasture and Hayland Seeding FOTG to specify soil types/hydrology where RCG is appropriate and BMPs; assure it is not in other FOTGs; include this information in forage training	Darrell, Ken
IDEM	Not in current seed specs	Assure it never gets into seed specs	Rule to keep it out of future seed specs	Ryan, Jason
USFWS	Don't think it is being recommended; check	Do not use/recommend for planting	Clarify current policy; work to change policy as needed	Ellen, Jeff Kiefer
ACOE	Not sure	Do not use/recommend for planting	Clarify current policy; work to change policy as needed	?
Federal landholders (DoD, USFS, USFWS, NPS)	Don't know of any federal lands where it is used; check	Do not use/recommend for planting	Clarify current policy; work to change policy as needed	Kirk, ?
USDA-ARS	No ongoing research involving RCG that we know of	Be sure they know of invasive concerns	Communicate with them	Ken
Plant Material Centers	No current work that we know of	Work to find alternatives for RCG in wet pasture areas	Suggest this project to Rose Lake PMC	Ken, Ellen

Coop Extension Service - Forage	Recommended in some cases	Revise to specify appropriate only in wet soil conditions; note invasiveness and need for BMPs.	Update publications as needed, develop bulletins/posters for seed sale areas, make sure old publications are destroyed	Keith J.
<b>Government (cont.)</b>				
Coop Extension Service - Horticulture	??Recommended as a ground cover in current publications	Dispose of all old publications which promote it. Do not recommend for planting; explain invasiveness and suggest alternatives.	Update publications as needed, make sure old publications are destroyed	?, Rosie
County government (SWCDs, drainage boards, surveyors)	May be recommended by county drainage boards - check.	Assure it is not recommended in drainage handbook	Check handbook	Ellen, Ken
<b>Private Forage Interests</b>				
Cattleowners and Retailers	Lack of awareness of invasiveness	Provide educational info. to cattleowners and retailers on invasiveness of RCG, need for mgmt, and alternatives .	Develop educational article for newsletters, meetings, etc. (include other assessed species?)	Forage committee
<b>Nursery Professionals and Landscape Architects</b>				
	Variegated cultivar commonly recommended and sold, though not all that popular.	Provide educational info. on invasiveness of RCG to them, recommend it not be used in streamside or lakeside plantings.	Develop educational article for newsletters, website (include other assessed species?)	David G./Mike C./Paula
<b>Gardening Public</b>				
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<b>Botanic Gardens and Arboreta</b>				
	Variegated cultivar occasionally planted	Provide educational info. on invasiveness of RCG to them, recommend it not be used in gardens or arboreta.	Develop educational article (include other assessed species?)	?
<b>Other</b>				
Bird Seed Producers/Wholesalers	Used in bird seed mix (2,000 lbs in IN last year)	Provide educational info. on invasiveness of RCG to them, recommend it not be used in bird seed mixes.	Find contacts in this industry, write to/meet with them with information	?



