Grass Characters

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| | Ryegrass | Wild Oats | Silver Grass | Toad Rush | Other grass |
| Blade | 0.5-5mm wide | 3-6mm wide | 0.5-3mm wide | 0.2-2mm wide | ± Broad |
| | Shiny on one | Dull | Shiny both | Shiny both | |
| | side, | | sides, | sides. | |
| | Hairless | Hairless | Hairless | Hairless. | ± Hairy |
| | Flat | Flat | Flat or rolled | Channelled. | |
| | | | | Arise from base | |
| | | | | or stem. | |
| Ligule | Membrane. | Membrane. | None. | None. | ± Rim of hairs |
| Auricles | Small. | None. | None. | None. | ± Large |
| | | | | | auricles. |
| Sheath | Split. | Split. | Split. | None. | ± Not split. |
| Seed | 2-3 mm long. | 10 mm long | 1-2 mm long. | Tiny. | _ |
| | Pale. | black. | Pale. | - | |
| | No awns. | Awns. | Awns. | No awns | |
| Other | Often red base | | | Angular stems | |

Broadleaf Characters

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| | Asteraceae | Brassicaceae | Fabaceae | Geraniaceae | Oxalidaceae | Polygonaceae |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Leaves | Lobed or | Lobed | Trifoliate or | Lobed | Trifoliate | Arrow or entire |
| | toothed | | pinnate | | | |
| Cotyledons | Long oval | Heart to round | Oval | Indented base, | | Long skinny |
| | | | | on stalk | | |
| Flower | Daisy/thistle | 4 petal | Pea | 5 petal | Trumpet | Small |
| Seed | Parachute | Round | Round | Corkscrew | Tiny | Triangular |
| Petiole base | Normal | Normal | Stipules | Normal | Normal | Membrane |
| Seed case | Composite | Pod | Pod | Cluster of | Pod | Spines, wings |
| | disk | | | several seeds | | or bare |
| Taste | | | | | Sour | Bitter |