WRITTEN FINDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD Ca. 1998

Scientific Name:	Alopecurus myosuroides Huds.		
Common Name:	Blackgrass		
<u>Family:</u>	Gramineae		
Legal Status:	Class B:	(a) (b) (c)	regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille counties of region 4 Adams County of region 7

Description and Variation:

<u>Economic Importance</u>: *A. myosuroides* is one of the most noxious weeds in small grains in Europe.

<u>Geographical Distribution</u>: The only known populations in Washington are in Spokane County and Whitman County.

Habitat: Fields, waste places, ballast ground, and grain fields.

History: See notes.

Growth and Development: Annual.

Reproduction: Seed.

References:

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The World's Worst Weeds. 1977. University Press of Hawaii.

Notes:

A. myosuroides is reported for Washington and Oregon by Hitchcock and Cronquist, however no specific locations are given. There is one report from Steptoe Whitman County in 1900 however

this population appears to have been eradicated. The only known existing population in Washington are from Whitman County near the new W.S.U. swine and dairy facilities (since 1976) and from Spokane County near Reardan (since 1949). In both of these sites it has shown rapid spread and is a serious weed pest in small grains. *A. myosuroides* is one of the most noxious weeds in small grains in Europe and should be considered a major threat to the small grain industry in eastern Washington. While eradication should be attempted, its success is somewhat doubtful. However it is possible that a successful containment program could result.