

# Reed manna grass look alike

Reed manna grass, aka tall manna grass (*Glyceria maxima*) may be confused with American manna grass (*Glyceria grandis*).



**REED MANNA GRASS** has unbranched stems that grow to 8' tall but often lay down and appear shorter. Stems tinted red near the bottom.

5-10 leaves per stem. Leaves have **rough edges** and are strongly V shaped at the base. Leaf sheaths are rough with **reddish-brown band at junction with leaf**.

Flowers in **erect panicle**, 6-12" long; June – August.



**AMERICAN MANNA GRASS** grows 3-5' tall.  
3-6 Leaves per stem. **Leaf blades shiny**, lower surface smooth, upper surface rough, **edges smooth**. Leaf sheaths smooth or slightly rough with **yellow band at junction with leaf**.  
Flowers in **nodding to semi-erect panicle**, 5-10" long, July – September.