

## RESEARCH NOTES

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# *Heteropogon ritchiei* (Hook.f.) Blatt. & McCann var. *glabrum*, A New Variety of Poaceae from Western Ghats of India

### Systematic Treatment

*Heteropogon ritchiei* var. *glabrum* Potdar, Tarbej and M.Y.Kamble, var. nov. (Fig. 1)

Similar to *Heteropogon ritchiei* (Hook. f.) Blatt. & McCann but differs in having glabrous lower glume of pedicelled spikelet [vs. keels of lower glume of pedicelled spikelet with row of long tubercle-based hairs].

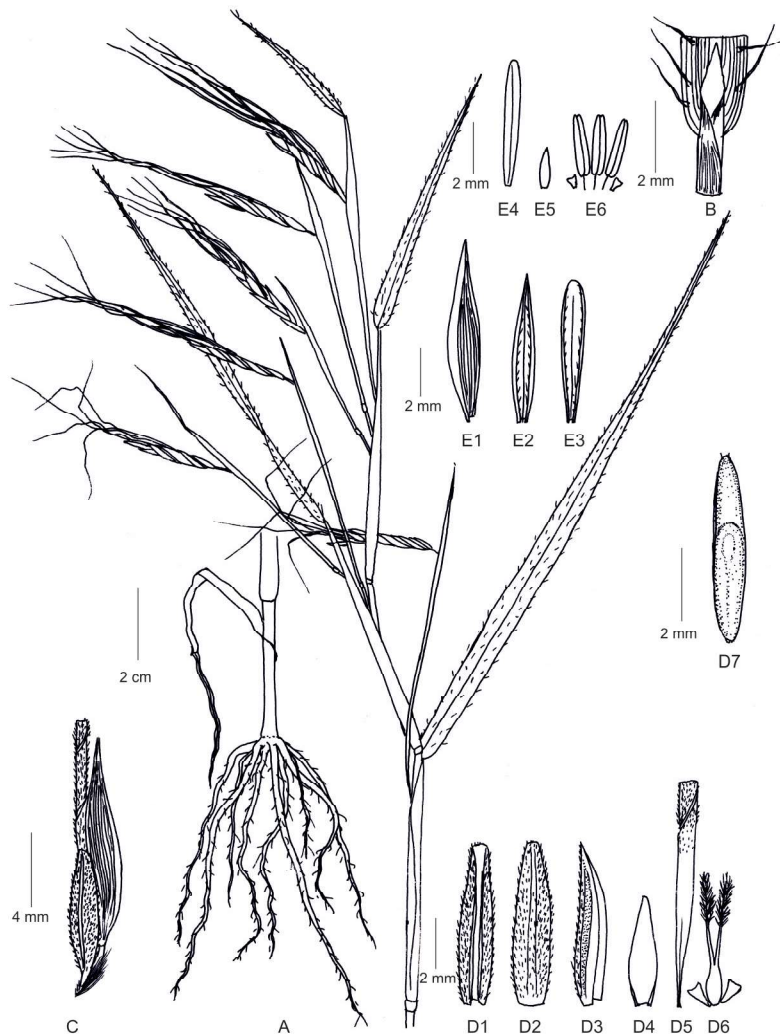


Fig. 1: *Heteropogon ritchiei* var. *glabrum* var. nov. A. habit; B. collar; C. sessile and pedicelled spikelet; D. sessile spikelet: D1. lower glume (ventral view); D2. lower glume (dorsal view) D3. upper glume; D4. lower lemma; D5. upper lemma; D6. pistil & lodicules; D7. caryopsis; E. pedicelled spikelet: E1. lower glume; E2. upper glume; E3. lower lemma; E4. upper lemma; E5. upper glume; E6. stamens and lodicules. [Drawn by G. G. Potdar from Potdar 3016]