

**VULPIA OCTOFLORA (WALTER) RYDBERG VAR. TENELLA
(WILLDENOW) FERNALD: THE CORRECT NAME FOR
WHAT HAS BEEN CALLED VULPIA OCTOFLORA (WALTER)
RYDBERG VAR. GLAUCA (NUTTALL) FERNALD**

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When Nuttall published *Festuca tenella* Willdenow var. *glauca* Nuttall (Trans. Amer. Philos. Soc. 5:147. 1837), the autonym var. *tenella* was created (Articles 26.3 & 32.6, ICBN 2000). The var. *tenella* has priority over the name (var. *glauca* Nuttall) that created it (Article 11.6, ICBN). If these two taxa are merged taxonomically and the names synonymized, as done by Lonard (1974, 2007) and nearly all subsequent workers, then the correct name and synonymies for this taxon at the varietal rank are as follows:

Vulpia octoflora (Walter) Rydberg var. ***tenella*** (Willdenow) Fernald, *Rhodora* 47:107. 1945.

Festuca tenella Willdenow var. *tenella*, Trans. Amer. Philos. Soc. 5:147. 1837, created by the publication of *Festuca tenella* Willdenow var. *glauca* Nuttall. *Vulpia tenella* (Willdenow) Heynhold, Nom. 1:854. 1840. *Festuca octoflora* Walter var. *tenella* (Willdenow) Fernald, *Rhodora* 34:209. 1932.

Festuca tenella Willdenow var. *glauca* Nuttall, Trans. Amer. Philos. Soc. 5:147. 1837. *Festuca octoflora* Walter var. *glauca* (Nuttall) Fernald, *Rhodora* 34:209. 1932. *Vulpia octoflora* (Walter) Rydberg var. *glauca* (Nuttall) Fernald, *Rhodora* 47:107. 1945.

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