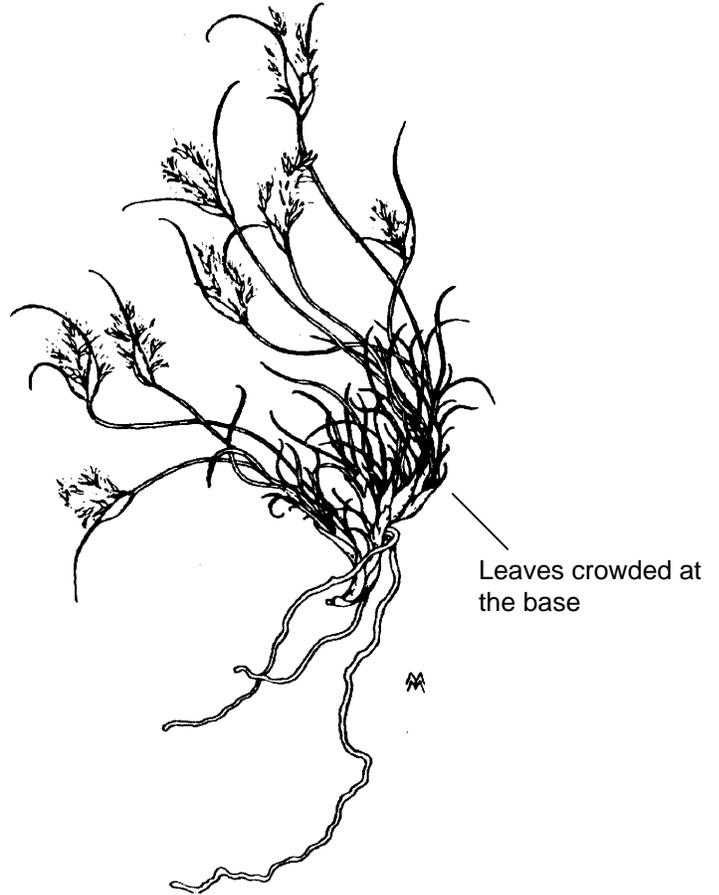
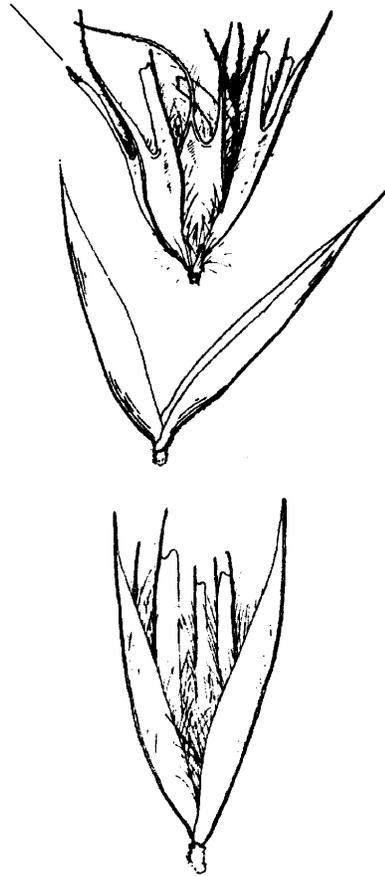


## King's desertgrass

## *Blepharidachne kingii*

Uppermost lemma a 3-awned  
bristle-like rudiment

Spikelets 4-flowered



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**Scientific Name:** *Blepharidachne kingii* (S. Wats.) Hackel in A. & C. DC.

**Bibliographic Reference:** Hackel, 1889. Monogr. Phanerog. 6: 261.

**Common Name:** King's desertgrass

**Family (Common Name):** Poaceae or Gramineae (Grass Family)

**Synonyms:** *Eremochloe kingii* S. Wats.

**Idaho Native Plant Society Category:** State Priority 1

**Natural Heritage Program Rank:** S1

**Distribution:** Western Utah, e to California and disjunct in the n part of sw Idaho (Owyhee County).

**Habitat:** Greasewood, shadscale, ephedra, rabbitbrush, horsebrush, Indian ricegrass, budsage, sagebrush and Idaho fescue communities in gravelly soils, from 1070-1830 m elevation.

**Phenology:** Late May through late June; sometimes flowering in the fall following late summer rains.

**Look-alikes:** A distinct species with the leaves crowded near the base, spikelets mostly 4-flowered vs 5-8-flowered, and the uppermost lemma a 3-awned bristle-like rudiment.



Closeup of *Blepharidachne kirgii*

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Habitat of *Blepharidachne kirgii*

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Species  
Distribution

