

Big Bluestem (Andropogon gerardii)- **Native.** Sun, H 5-8' (with inflorescence) x W 2'. Zones 3-9. Ornamental qualities, color changes from green to blue-green in summer, to deep red-bronze in fall.



Bluebunch Wheatgrass (Pseudogeneria spicata)- **Native.** Sun to part shade. H 18-48" (with inflorescence) Zones 3-7. Drought tolerant, cool season grass, goes dormant in late summer. Has a nice upright shape with green leaves and golden seed heads.



Blue Fescue (Festuca glauca)- **Native.** Sun. H 6-12" x W 6-18". Zones 4-8. Blue color that lasts all year, forms clumps with straw-colored seed heads. Don't cut back, comb out dead foliage in the spring.



Blue Oat Grass (Helictotrichon sempervirens)- Zones 4-9. Drought tolerant. H and W 2-3'. Full sun. Do not cut back, comb out dead foliage in the spring. Beautiful blue color with airy golden seed heads rising above.



Black Mondo Grass (Ophiopogon planiscapus)- Sun to part shade. H 10" x W 9", zones 5-10. Interesting dark, almost black foliage but will turn more green in sun. Good for border edging. Small pink flowers in early summer.

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Idaho Fescue (Festuca Idahoensis)- **Native.** Sun. H 12-24" x W 8-10". Zones 4-8. Small evergreen clump forming grass. Drought tolerant and deer resistant. Excellent for erosion control.



Indian Rice Grass (Achnatherum hymenoides)-**Native.** Sun. 8-30" (with inflorescence) x W 18-24". Zones 3-9. Seeds are edible, fixes nitrogen in the soil. Seed pods can be used in flower arrangements.



Indian Fire carex (carex testacea)- Zones 6-9. Full sun to part shade. H 3-4' x W 1-2'. Moist well-drained soil. Bronze green foliage is tipped with orange.



Japanese Blood Grass (Imperata cylindrica). Zones 5-9. Full sun, moist well-drained soil. H 1-2'. Deer resistant, good for erosion control. Cut to ground in late winter before new growth emerges.



Japanese Forest Grass (Hakonechloa macra 'Aurea'). Zones 4-9. Part shade to full shade. Moist well drained soil, slow growing clumping grass. H 2' x W 3'. Deer resistant. Cut to ground in late winter or early spring before new growth emerges.

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Karl Foerster (Calamagrostis acutifolia)- Zones 5-11. Sun. H 4-6' (with inflorescence) x W 2-3'. Clump forming cool season grass. Dramatic red bronze seed spikes in early summer. Drought tolerant.



Little Bluestem (Schizachyrium scoparium). **Native.** Zones 3-10. Sun (has a tendency to flop in too much shade). H 12-24". Foliage is blue, occasionally with pinkish purple striations, topped by fluffy silvery gold or white seed heads. Turns reddish or coppery color with frost.



Miscanthus sinensis (varieties). Zones 4-9. Drought tolerant. Varies in size from 2' up to 7 or 8'. Full sun to part shade. Warm season grass, usually starts to show new growth in late spring/early summer. Can be cut down in fall or late winter.



Overdam (Calamagrostis arundinacea 'Overdam') Relative of Karl Foerster with similar growth habit. Instead of solid green foliage, Overdam is variegated with white striping on the outer margins. Cool season grass emerges in early spring.



Palm Sedge (Carex muskingumensis). Zones 4-7. H 2-3'. Full sun to part shade. Medium to moist soil, does well in clay soils. Deer resistant.



Pine Grass (Calamagrostis rubescens). **Native.** H 24-36". Drought tolerant, clump forming. Host plant for a variety of moths and butterflies.

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Prairie Dropseed (Sporobolis heterolepsis) **Native.** Zones 3-8, H 2-3' (with inflorescence). Full sun, drought tolerant, deer resistant. Benefit to wildlife, host plant for two rare species of leafhoppers. Seeds are eaten by various bird species. Root mass is a nesting site for native bees.



Prairie Junegrass (Koeleria macrantha) **Native.** Zones 4-10. H 6-24" (with inflorescence) x W 12-24". Cool season bunchgrass, goes dormant in summer. Blooms yellow in early spring.



Switchgrass (Panicum virgatum). Zones 3-9. H 14-55" (with inflorescence). Full sun to part shade, drought tolerant and deer resistant. Warm season grass, shows new growth in late spring/early summer. Attractive upright grass with airy seed heads.



Tufted Hair Grass (Deschampsia cespitosa) **Native.** Zones 4-8. H 12-36" (with inflorescence) x W 12-24". Part sun, drought tolerant. Clumping ornamental has fine hair-like seed heads that rise 2-3 feet above the clump. Larval plant food for several butterflies.



Zebra Grass (miscanthus sinensis 'Little Zebra') Zones 4-9. H 3-4' x W 2-3'. Full sun to part shade.Drought tolerant. Green foliage with distinctive horizontal gold banding. Deer resistant. Cut down in fall or early spring before new growth emerges.