

# Shy Valley Native Habitat Nursery's Native Ornamental Grasses

Grass	Botanical Name	Description	Height	Culture	Zone
Big Bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	3 part seed heads, handsome red stems	5-8 feet	Sun-part sun, tolerant of a wide range of soils	4
Splitbeard Bluestem	<i>Andropogon ternarius</i>	Showy seedheads all winter	18-30"	Sun, part sun, loves clay, easy on the mulch	5
Side Oats Grama	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Purplish fading to straw color, long bloom time, neat seed heads	3 feet	Full sun, drought tolerant Nice in mass	4
Blue Grama	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	Blue leaves, Brown seed heads	8-15 inches	Sun, Nice in a pot or by a walkway	3
Northern River Oats	<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	Great seeds go from green to brown	3 feet	Sun or partial shade, will readily spread	5
Tufted Hair Grass	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	Dark green foliage, cloudlike bloom	4 feet	Sun or shade, nice alone or in masses	4
Wavy Hair Grass	<i>Deschampsia flexuosa</i>	Cloudlike bloom in mid-summer	2 feet	Part sun or shade, dry woods ok,	4
Bottlebrush Grass	<i>Elymus hystrix</i>	Eye-catching seeds, a personal favorite	3 feet	Bright Shade, Dry to Average Soil	4
Purple Love Grass	<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	Bronze red clouds make great texture	12 inches	Full sun, good drainage	5
Blue Love Grass	<i>Eragrostis elliotii</i>	Flowers in May, remains intact through Oct	3-4	Sun to Part Shade, moist or Dry, Drought tolerant	4
Mexican	<i>Nasella</i>	Wispy texture& movement,	4 feet	Sun, part sun	7

Feather	<i>tenuissima</i>	coppery straw late summer			Possibly 6
Red Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> "Hanse Hermes", "Shenandoah"	Red develops in late summer	4-5 feet	Sun, nice substitute for miscanthus, Shen. is more red, HH more vigorous	2
Blue Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> "Heavy Metal"	Very Blue and Stiffly Upright	3-4 feet	Sun, needs good circulation	2
Blue Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> "Prarie Skies"	Powdery Blue, nicely lax habit	4-5 feet	Sun, Avoid really rich soils to prevent flopping	2
Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachrium scoparium</i>	Color ranges from red to blue	3-4 feet	Sun, can grow in very poor soil	3
Indian Grass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Fall Color from yellow to gold	3-4 feet	Sun, moist to dry soil	2
Prarie Dropseed	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Forms golden, delicate plumes, fragrant and tidy	2-3 feet	Sun, well drained site, but loves clay, think slope	3
Appalachian Sedge	<i>Carex appalachica</i>	Fine foliage, tidy habit, will self sow	12 inches	Sun, part sun	3
Blue Wood Sedge	<i>Carex flaccosperma</i>	Blue to blue green quilted leaves	10 inches	Shade to part sun, makes nice shady groundcover	5
Silver Sedge	<i>Carex platyphylla</i>	Wide, powder green-blue leaves	12 inches	Shade to part sun, makes nice shady groundcover	4
Cherokee Sedge	<i>Carex cherokeensis</i>	Very long, wispy gorgeous leaves	12"	Shade to part sun	5

Native clump-forming grasses are beautiful and low-maintenance. Most of our selections do not spread much, either by runners or by seed. Talk with me to make sure you get the grasses that best suit your garden and your needs.

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