

Aberdeen Plant Materials Center Conservation Grasses for Idaho and Utah



Common Name	Sci. Name	Longevity	Seedling Vigor	Character	Precip. Range	Soil	Seeding Rate**
Dropseed, Sand	<i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i>	long	low-med	bunch	7-16	Fine sandy loam-sand	1
Needle and Thread	<i>Hesperostipa comata</i>	long	low	bunch	7-16	Fine sandy loam-sand	6
Wheatgrass, Snake River	<i>Elymus wawawaiensis</i>	long	medium	bunch	8-16	Clay-sandy loam	8
Wildrye, Russian*	<i>Psathyrostachys juncea</i>	long	low	bunch	8-16	Clay-sandy loam	6
Wildrye, Basin	<i>Leymus cinereus</i>	long	low	bunch	8-16	Silty-sandy loam	8
Needlegrass, Thurber's	<i>Achnatherum thurberianum</i>	long	low	bunch	8-16	Clay loam-sandy loam	6
Wheatgrass, Crested AGDE2* (Standard)	<i>Agropyron desertorum</i>	long	rapid	bunch	8-16	Clay-sandy loam	5
Wheatgrass, Siberian*	<i>Agropyron fragile</i>	long	medium	bunch	8-16	Clay-sandy loam	6
Wheatgrass, Streambank	<i>Elymus lanceolatus</i>	long	medium	sod	8-16	Clay-loam	6
Bluegrass, Sandberg	<i>Poa secunda</i>	long	low-med	bunch	8-18	Clay loam-loam	2
Squirreltail, Bottlebrush	<i>Elymus elymoides</i>	long	medium	bunch	8-18	Clay loam-sandy loam	6
Wheatgrass, Thickspike	<i>Elymus lanceolatus</i>	long	medium	sod	8-18	Loam-sand	6
Ricegrass, Indian	<i>Achnatherum hymenoides</i>	long	medium	bunch	8-20	Loam-sand	6
Wheatgrass, Crested X* Hycrest	<i>Agropyron cristatum x A. desertorum</i>	long	rapid	bunch	9-16	Clay-sandy loam	5
Bluegrass, Big	<i>Poa ampla</i>	medium	low-med	bunch	9-20	Clay loam-sandy loam	2
Wheatgrass, Crested AGCR*	<i>Agropyron cristatum</i>	long	rapid	bunch	10-16	Clay-sandy loam	5
Sacaton, Alkali	<i>Sporobolus airoides</i>	long	low-med	bunch	10-18	Clay loam-silty loam	2
Wheatgrass, Slender	<i>Elymus trachycaulus</i>	short	rapid	bunch	10-18	Clay-sandy loam	6
Bluegrass, Nevada	<i>Poa nevadensis</i>	long	low-med	bunch	10-20	Clay loam-loam	2
Fescue, Sheep*	<i>Festuca ovina</i>	long	low	bunch	10-20	Clay-sandy loam	4
Wheatgrass, Pubescent*	<i>Thinopyrum intermedium</i>	long	rapid	sod	11-18	Loam-sand	10
Squirreltail, Big	<i>Elymus multisetus</i>	long	medium	bunch	12-18	Clay loam-sandy loam	6
Wheatgrass, Beardless	<i>Pseudoroegneria spicata inermis</i>	long	medium	bunch	12-18	Clay-sandy loam	8
Junegrass, Prairie	<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	medium	low-med	bunch	12-20	Silty-sand	1
Wheatgrass, Bluebunch	<i>Pseudoroegneria spicata</i>	long	medium	bunch	12-20	Clay loam-sandy loam	8
Wheatgrass, Western	<i>Pascopyrum smithii</i>	long	medium	sod	12-20	Clay loam-sandy loam	8
Wheatgrass, Intermediate*	<i>Thinopyrum intermedium</i>	long	rapid	sod	12-18	Clay loam-sandy loam	10
Wildrye, Altai*	<i>Leymus angustus</i>	long	low	bunch	14-24	Loam-clay loam, saline	12
Wildrye, Manystem (beardless)	<i>Leymus multicaulus</i>	long	very low	sod	14-24	Sandy loam-sand, saline	6
Fescue, Hard*	<i>Festuca trachyphylla</i>	long	low	bunch	14-25	Clay-sandy loam	4
Wheatgrass, RS Hybrid*	<i>Elymus hoffmanii</i>	long	medium	sod	14-30	Clay-sandy loam	8
Wheatgrass, Tall	<i>Thinopyrum ponticum</i>	long	very rapid	bunch	14-30	Clay-sandy loam	10
Brome, Meadow*	<i>Bromus biebersteinii</i>	long	med-rapid	bunch	16-30	Clay-sand	10
Needlegrass, Letterman	<i>Achnatherum lettermanii</i>	long	low	bunch	15-30	Clay loam-sandy loam	6
Ryegrass, Perennial*	<i>Lolium perenne</i>	short	very rapid	bunch	15-30	Clay loam-sandy loam	4
Fescue, Idaho	<i>Festuca idahoensis</i>	long	very low	bunch	16-25	Clay loam-sandy loam	4
Brome, Smooth*	<i>Bromus inermis</i>	long	very rapid	sod	16-30	Clay loam-sand	6
Brome, Mountain	<i>Bromus marginatus</i>	short	med-rapid	bunch	16-30	Clay-sand	10
Orchardgrass*	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	long	medium	bunch	16-30	Clay-sandy loam	4
Wildrye, Blue	<i>Elymus glaucus</i>	medium	medium	Bunch	18-30	Clay loam-sandy loam	8
Bluegrass, Canada*	<i>Poa compressa</i>	long	low-med	Sod	18-30	Clay loam-sandy loam	2
Fescue, Red*	<i>Festuca rubra</i>	long	low	Sod	18-30	Clay-sandy loam	4
Bentgrass, Redtop*	<i>Agrostis gigantea</i>	long	low-med	Sod	18-40	Clay loam-loam	0.5
Bluegrass, Kentucky*	<i>Poa pratensis</i>	long	low-med	Sod	18-40	Clay loam-sandy loam	2
Fescue, Tall*	<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	long	medium	Bunch	18-40	Clay-sandy loam	5
Foxtail, Creeping*	<i>Alopecurus arundinaceus</i>	long	low	Sod	18-40	Clay-loam	3
Hairgrass, Tufted	<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>	long	low	Bunch	18-40	Clay-sandy loam	2
Timothy*	<i>Phleum pratensis</i>	long	medium	Bunch	18-40	Clay-sandy loam	3

Species are ranked by relative drought tolerance. Precipitation is the range in which the species is recommended.

*Introduced species

**Seeding rate = pure stand drill seeding rate. Adjust to a percentage for a mixture.



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