



WARM SEASON GRASSES

➤ **Sand Dropseed** *Sporobolus cryptandrus* (Torr.) A. Gray



- Sand Dropseed is native throughout the United States but most common in the Intermountain West.
- This warm season grass is extremely drought tolerant and is adapted to sites receiving seven to 16 inches of annual precipitation per year.
- A type of drought adaptation is the rolling of leaves during drought periods to prevent evaporation.
- Sand Dropseed can survive in slightly acidic and slightly basic soils. Mature plants range from 11 to 40 inches tall. This grass produces a dense, sand binding network of roots which can spread up to two feet laterally and over eight feet deep.
- Sand Dropseed is a prolific seed producer. A single panicle can yield approximately 10,000 seeds. Seeds are very small; there are approximately 5.6 million seeds/lb, and 67 pounds of seed per bushel.
- [View the fact sheet at https://plants.usda.gov/DocumentLibrary/plantguide/pdf/pg_spcr.pdf](https://plants.usda.gov/DocumentLibrary/plantguide/pdf/pg_spcr.pdf)

➤ **Side-oats Grama** *Bouteloua curtipendula* (Michx.) Torr.



- The deep rooted, perennial grass, Side-oats Grama can be found widely east from the Rocky Mountains to near the east coast. Side-oats Grama crown will spread slowly by rhizomes (underground stems with lateral roots). This grass grows well in the dryer mid-grass prairie section of the Great Plains that has an annual moisture requirement of 12-20 inches after establishment.
- This grass is well adapted to chalky and moderately alkaline soils than to neutral or acidic soils. Great for Colorado.
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➤ **Buffalograss** *Bouteloua dactyloides* (Nutt.)



- Buffalograss is a native, warm season, stoloniferous perennial that grows four to six inches in height.
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➤ **Blue Grama** *Bouteloua gracilis* (Willd. ex Kunth.) Lag. ex Griffiths



- Blue Grama is a major warm season grass found throughout the Great Plains. It is found on the plains, prairies, and foothills of most western states.
- It is short (six to 24 inches) stature and perennial with a prolific root system
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