

Picture	Common Name	Botanical Name	Light Req.	Notes
	Big Bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Full Sun	Height - 4-7' Spread - 2-3' A native North American prairie grass forming a large clump of silvery-blue foliage from 4-7' in height. The purplish flower spikes emerge in August and September. Clump forming.
	Blue Gama Grass	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	Full Sun	Height – 9-24" Spread – 18-24" Easily grown in average, dry to medium, well-drained soils in full sun. Tolerates a wide range of soils, except poorly-drained, wet ones. Excellent drought tolerance. It is a tufted, warm season. It is native to prairies, plains, and open rocky woodlands. Narrow, bluish-gray leaf blades typically form a dense clump. Foliage turns golden brown in autumn. Purplish-tinged flowers appear on arching stems above the foliage in early to mid summer.
	Blue Lyme Grass	<i>Leymus arenarius</i>	Full Sun to Part Shade	Height – 23-35" Spread – 23-35" Grown for its display of exceptionally beautiful steel-blue foliage, this is a spreading grass that needs to be used carefully. Best to contain this in a planter, or use as a groundcover in a large sunny area. Foliage is terrific for flower arranging! Arching tan spikes appear in summer but these are often removed. Mow the old foliage to the ground in late fall or early spring. Clumps are easily divided, and even small root pieces will grow. Sometimes used to stabilize sand dunes. Very drought tolerant. Keep this out of the perennial border!!
	Blue Oat Grass	<i>Helictotrichon sempervirens</i> 'Saphirsprundel'	Full Sun	Height - 30" Spread - 24-30" This German cultivar has bright, steel blue foliage and much improved resistance to rust. A clump forming grass, producing a tuft of blue foliage to about 2.5' in height. Delicate flowers rise above the clump in early summer on long arching stems. Sapphire Blue Oat Grass prefers cooler weather and adequate moisture for the root system. Clump forming.
	Feather Reed Grass, Avalanche	<i>Calamagrostis acutiflora</i> 'Avalanche'	Full Sun	Height - 3-4' Spread - 2-3' A variegated feather reed grass discovered as a sport of C. 'Karl Foerster' at American Ornamental Perennials in Oregon. It has that classic upright growth habit of <i>Calamagrostis</i> , with beautiful variegated foliage, a wide white center to the leaf. It holds its variegation well through the heat of the summer. The inflorescence is similar to 'Karl Foerster'. Reaches a mature height of 3-4', inflorescence to 5'. Once roots are established, it is quite drought tolerant. Clump forming.
	Feather Reed Grass, Karl Foerster	<i>Calamagrostis acutiflora</i> 'Karl Foerster'	Full Sun	Height - 4-5' Spread - 2-3' An upright grass up to 5' tall with showy, feathery plumes of flowers followed by wheat colored seed heads. 2001 Perennial Plant of the Year. Clump forming.
	Blue Fescue, Beyond Blue	<i>Festuca glauca</i> 'Beyond Blue'	Full Sun	Height – 10-12" Spread – 16-18" There are several selections of Blue Fescue, all of them valued for their clumping habit, and display of colourful, grassy foliage. This selection forms a dense tuft of bluer-than-blue leaves that remain blue all season. Spikes of tan flowers in early summer. Excellent for mass planting, edging, or in the rock garden. Evergreen in mild areas, in colder winter regions the leaves should be trimmed back in late winter right to the base. Flower spikes may also be removed in summer, if desired.

	Blue Fescue, Boulder Blue	<i>Festuca glauca</i> 'Boulder Blue'	Full Sun to Part Shade	Height – 6-8” Spread – 6-8” This hybrid is similar to F. 'Elijah Blue', but is distinguished by a slightly shorter height, tighter habit, and more upright flower stalks. Soft powdery blue, spiky foliage that keeps its color all year round forms small, rounded clumps. In early summer, wheat-like seed heads are produced on tall, spikey stalks in great numbers. Preferring dryer conditions, this is the perfect grass for rock gardens, in stone troughs or pots, for costal climates, or even for use as edging.
	Fescue, Elijah Blue	<i>Festuca glauca</i> 'Elijah Blue'	Full Sun	Height - 6-12" Spread - 8-12" Small grass with attractive, fine-textured, blue foliage. A cool season grass hardy in Zone 4. Grown primarily for the foliage. In hot spells the foliage may brown out, but revives with the onset of cooler weather. Clump forming.
	Flame Grass	<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Purpurascens'	Full Sun	Height - 4' Spread - 3-4' A warm season grass hardy into Zone 4. Grows about 4' with satiny, magenta colored foliage in late summer. Upright grower. In fall the 3/4" wide leaves color to a bright red-orange before fading to a silken white in winter. Forms a large clump in time. A ten year old specimen can be 30" or more across. Clump forming.
	Flame Grass, Graziella Japanese Silver	<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Graziella'	Full Sun	Height - 4-6' Spread - 3-4' 'Graziella' has narrow green leaves, and forms a large, arching mound of foliage which ultimately turns an orangey-red in autumn. The tiny white flowers appear in late summer and gradually turn into silvery white plumes as the seed matures. The plumes persist throughout the winter, adding another season of interest. Clump forming.
	Flame Grass, Huron Sunrise	<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Huron Sunrise'	Full Sun	Height - 5-6' Spread - 3' The most profusely blooming Miscanthus. Though the green leaves with silver mid-ribs form beautiful clumps, the most outstanding feature of this new cultivar is its flowers. In late summer, a profusion of full, burgundy plumes sweep the sky. The plant maintains its graceful form throughout winter, providing tremendous winter interest.
	Hakone Grass, All Gold	<i>Hakonechloa macra</i> 'All Gold'	Part Shade	Height - 9-14" Spread - 18-24" A brilliant grass that absolutely glows in the shade! This all-gold version of H. macra is brighter in color than Hak. m. 'Aureola', has a more upright habit, and is reportedly a more vigorous grower. It tends to be more chartreuse in heavier shade, and brighter gold in more sun. Hakonechloa is grown mainly for its beautiful foliage, though it does produce seed heads. Tiny, inconspicuous reddish brown flower spiklets appear in airy clusters from late summer thru early fall.
	Indian Grass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Full Sun	Height - 5-7' Spread - 3-4' Indian grass is a tall, bunching grass with broad blue-green blades and a large, plume-like, soft, golden-brown seed head. This showy perennial's fall color is deep orange to purple. This is a beautiful grass with a somewhat metallic golden sheen to its flowering parts.
	Little Bluestem, Blue Heaven	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> 'MinnblueA' PP17,310	Full Sun	Height - 4-5' Spread - 2-3' From Dr. Mary Meyer at the University of Minnesota. This little bluestem is distinguished by its upright habit, beautiful blue foliage and excellent fall color, in shades of red, burgundy and purple. Think of it as a blue Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster'. Blooms in September with the purplish flowers forming seed in October. Clump forming.

	Little Bluestem, Prairie Blues	Schizachyrium scoparium 'Prairie Blues'	Full Sun	Height - 3' Spread - 2-3' 'Prairie Blues' is an improved selection of the native bluestem. It offers a more consistent grey-blue foliage color that is quite striking in the garden. The narrow, upright leaves take on pinkish orange tones in the fall. Fluffy silver seed heads appear in late summer and last well into fall. Schizachyrium is a great choice if you are looking to restore an eroded site, or for a plant that will grow in hot, dry areas where other plants have a hard time surviving.
	Little Bluestem, Standing Ovation	Schizachyrium scoparium 'Standing Ovation'	Full Sun	Height – 2-4' Spread – 1.5-2' 'Standing Ovation' is a cultivar which features blue leaf blades with red tips. Leaf blades are wider than those found on straight species plants. Fall color consists of attractive shades of red and maroon, with retention of such colors continuing late in the season. The upright and rigid plant habit of this cultivar is typically retained without lodging when plants are grown in rich soils. 'Standing Ovation' was discovered as a naturally occurring plant.
	Moor Grass, Sky Racer	Molinia arundinacea 'Skyracer'	Full Sun	Height - 5-7' Spread - 3-4' Delicate, wire-fine, yellow seed heads are borne on stems of up to 7' in July and August. Best planted where it will have space to develop, and against a plain background so the fine seed heads can be appreciated. Will tolerate light shade, but prefers full sun. Clump forming.
	Northern Sea Oats	Chasmanthium latifolium	Part Shade	Height - 2-3' Spread - 2' A clumping, deciduous grass with rich, bamboo-like foliage. The drooping, flat flower spikes are a pretty green in the summer and will mature to copper late in autumn while the foliage takes on lovely coppery brown tones. Northern Sea Oats is one of the few ornamental grasses that will tolerate some shade, preferring a part shade site. Not particularly fast growing, it will benefit from regular division every few years.
	Prairie Dropseed	Sporobolus heterolepis	Full Sun	Height - 2-3' Spread - 2-3' This native American prairie plant forms a beautiful, upright, arching clump. Slow-growing, but worth the wait. The emerald green foliage is fine-textured. The flowers appear in August; the 6-8" panicles rise 2-3' above the foliage and have a sweet fragrance. Once the seed ripens, they droop over. In autumn, the plant turns a golden yellow, sometimes with orange hues, and then the entire plant turns a light brown for the winter months. Extremely heat and drought tolerant. Clump forming.
	Quaking Grass	Briza media	Full Sun	Height – 12-23" Spread – 10-12" A delightful grass with a low to medium habit. Short clumps of deep-green leaves bear upright stems of delicate heart-shaped greenish-purple spikes in late spring and early summer. Excellent for cutting, fresh or dried. Foliage remains evergreen in mild regions. Versatile in the garden, tolerating most soils. Combines especially well with heath and heathers or dwarf conifers. Trim back in August to tidy up the clump and rejuvenate the foliage. Clumps are easily divided in fall or early spring. Drought tolerant once established. Cool-season.
	Sedge, Broad Leaf	Carex siderosticha 'Variegata'	Part Shade	Height - 8-12" Spread - 15-24" An excellent alternative to hosta in the shade garden. Slowly forms a mound of foliage by creeping rhizomes, but is not invasive. The 1" wide foliage is bright green, bordered by white and is very attractive. Combines well with hosta, ferns, astilbe and other shade loving plants.

	Sedge, Ice Dance	Carex morrowii 'Ice Dance'	Part Shade to Full Shade	Height – 12-16" Spread – 18-24" With its wide, strappy leaves measuring 1/4 to 1/2 inch across, this carex makes a bold statement in the shade garden. The leaves are dark green with bright white variegated edges. Small, cream, bottlebrush-like flowers are produced in mid-spring but are rather insignificant to the plant's ornamental value. This variety will grow in a variety of conditions, from nearly full sun to shade in average to moist soil. Unlike many other sedges, 'Ice Dance' is a slow to moderate spreader that should be used as a groundcover or contained in pots.
	Switch Grass, Cheyenne Sky	Panicum virgatum 'Cheyenne Sky' PPAF	Full Sun	Height - 3' Spread - 2' 'Cheyenne Sky' forms a tight, vase-shaped clump of blue-green foliage that begins turning wine red in early summer. By late summer, nearly the entire clump is drenched in color and is topped by matching wine-red flower panicles held just above the foliage. It makes a dynamite specimen plant and is even more eye-catching when planted en masse.
	Switch Grass, Dewey Blue	Panicum amarum 'Dewey Blue'	Full Sun	Height - 3-5' Spread - 2-3' The glaucous grey-green to grey-blue leaves have an upright arching habit, which makes it a choice focal point or specimen for the center of the border. It is more upright and shorter in less fertile, drier soils. In late summer or early fall, strong, upright to arching stems are topped by light, airy, blue-tinged flowers followed by tan seed panicles which continue to provide visual interest well into the winter months.
	Switch Grass, Heavy Metal	Panicum virgatum 'Heavy Metal'	Full Sun	Height - 5-6' Spread - 2-3' Perhaps the most upright variety of Panicum, the strong stems of 'Heavy Metal' never flop or lean, even in heavy rains. Its metallic blue leaves turn bright yellow in the fall. Beginning in late summer or early fall, delicate pink panicles dance 12-16 inches above the foliage.
	Switch Grass, Northwind	Panicum virgatum 'Northwind'	Full Sun	Height - 5-6' Spread - 2-3' A newer panicum with very sturdy, upright, steel blue stems. Reaches a mature height of 6'. Great in mass plantings or as a single specimen. Discovered by Roy Diblik of Northwind Perennial Farm, in WI. Clump forming.
	Switch Grass, Prairie Fire	Panicum virgatum 'Prairie Fire' PP19367	Full Sun	Height - 4-5' Spread - 2-3' A spectacular switch grass with sturdy, upright, blue-green stems and wine-red leaves. In the spring, the foliage is blue-green, but by early summer the leaves begin to turn a stunning shade of deep red. In late summer, a bouquet of rosy panicles is displayed just above the foliage. When in bloom, the leaves curl slightly, which gives the impression of red ribbons woven throughout the flowers.
	Switch Grass, Shenandoah	Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah'	Full Sun	Height - 3-4' Spread - 2' A nice short variety for a panicum, only reaching a mature height of 3-4'. What really sets it apart from other cultivars is the incredible red hues to the leaves, making it a stand out in the garden. Full sun, well-drained soils. Clump forming.

	<p>Tuft Hair Grass</p>	<p><i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i></p>	<p>Full to Part Sun</p>	<p>Height - 3' Spread - 2-3' Deep green tufted grass that grows to 3'. A cool season, evergreen grass that is hardy in Zone 4, and worth trialing in Zone 3. Normally found in moist, boggy sites, and will do best in a moist site in partial shade. Produces delicate flowers in June that rise 2' above the plant and remain showy into winter. Because of the fine texture of the flowers it is used in mass to enhance the effect of the flowers. Clump forming.</p>
	<p>Tuft Hair Grass, Pixie Fountain</p>	<p><i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> 'Pixie Fountain'</p>	<p>Full to Part Sun</p>	<p>Height - 2-3' Spread - 2' A showy, fine-textured, evergreen grass excellent in shady gardens or woodland settings, it forms a tight clump of narrow foliage that is petite in size but still has the same plume of seeds in late summer that birds love. Perfect for small areas and containers, it is easy to grow and maintain. Birds and a variety of water fowl eat the seeds.</p>
	<p>Zebra Grass</p>	<p><i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Zebrinus'</p>	<p>Full Sun to Part Shade</p>	<p>Height – 5-8' Spread – 4-6' Zebra grass is a clump-forming grass noted for its horizontally banded foliage. 'Zebrinus' clumps are rounded, tend to flop and often need support. Features dark green leaves with zebra-striped, golden yellow bands extending horizontally across the leaves at irregular intervals. Foliage gradually fades to tan after frost. Tiny pink/copper-tinted flowers appear in tassel-like inflorescences above the foliage in late summer, gradually turning into silvery white plumes in fall.</p>