

## Water-Wise Gardens Plant Guide – Grasses

Common Name	Botanical Name	Size (height)	Exposure	Features
Big Bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	1.2 m to 2 m (4 ft to 6.5 ft)	Full sun	Very drought tolerant
Broom Sedge	<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	1 m (3 ft)	Full sun	Very drought tolerant
Little Bluestem	<i>Andropogon scoparius</i>	60 cm (2 ft)	Sun	Very drought tolerant
Quaking Grass	<i>Briza maxima</i>	40 cm (16 in)	Sun	Excellent for drying
Buffalo Grass	<i>Buchloe</i>	10 cm to 20 cm (4 in to 8 in)	Full sun	Very drought tolerant
Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass	<i>Calamagrostis x acutiflora</i>	1 m to 1.2 m (3 ft to 4 ft)	Full sun	Very drought tolerant
Over Dam Feather Reed Grass	<i>Calamagrostis arundinacea</i>	1 m to 1.2 m (3 ft to 4 ft)	Full sun	Very drought tolerant
Black Sedge	<i>Carex nigra</i>	15 cm to 20 cm (6 in to 8 in)	Full sun	Black seed heads
Tufted Hair Grass	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	60 cm (2 ft)	Full sun	Delicate beige panicles
Ravenna Grass	<i>Erianthus ravennae</i>	4.3m (14 ft)	Full sun	Hardy equivalent to pampas grass
Blue Fescue	<i>Festuca glauca</i>	30 cm to 45 cm (12 in to 18 in)	Full sun to partial shade	Very drought tolerant
Blue Oat Grass	<i>Helictotrichon sempervirens</i>	45 cm to 60 cm (18 in to 24 in)	Full sun to partial shade	Lovely silver grass
Miscanthus Grass, Maiden Hair Grass	<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>	1 m to 2 m (3 ft to 6.5 ft)	Sun	Lovely hardy grass, drought tolerant
Fountain Grass	<i>Pennisetum alopecuroides</i>	1 m (3 ft)	Full sun	Cooler weather accentuates the colour