



AAWPC Firewise Landscaping Grasses & Grasslikes

Species	Common Name	Comments
<i>Phleum alpinum</i>	Alpine timothy	Bunchgrass, prefers meadows, bogs, streambanks
<i>Juncus arcticus</i> ssp. <i>littoralis</i>	Baltic rush	Rhizomatous, occurring from wet desert to subalpine zones, saline or alkaline sites
<i>Leymus cinereus</i>	Basin wildrye	Tall large bunchgrass, plant widely spaced well away from structures
<i>Carex utriculata</i>	Beaked sedge	Wet areas, stream sides, pond edges
<i>Eleocharis rostellata</i>	Beaked spikerush	Grasslike, wet to moist alkaline to saline areas
<i>Elymus glaucus</i>	Blue wildrye	Moist habitats, shade tolerant, tall
<i>Pseudoroegneria spicata</i>	Bluebunch wheatgrass	Does well on drier sites, forms bunches
<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	Bluejoint reedgrass	marshy, moist areas such as streambanks or woodlands
<i>Elymus elymoides</i>	Bottlebrush squirreltail	Dry sites, very drought tolerant
<i>Danthonia californica</i>	California oatgrass	Dry to moist sites
<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	Canada wildrye	Tall, plant away from structures
<i>Achnatherum nelsonii</i>	Columbia needlegrass	Dry to moist sites
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>	Common spikerush	Rhizomatous, alkaline tolerant wetland plant
<i>Glyceria striata</i>	Fowl mannagrass	Thrives along stream banks and in marshy ground
<i>Bromus ciliatus</i>	Fringed brome	Prefers moist soils, but will tolerate dry soils
<i>Equisetum hyemale</i>	Horsetail	Wet open woods, riparian zones of streams and rivers, shores of lakes and ponds
<i>Festuca idahoensis</i>	Idaho fescue	Drier hills
<i>Achnatherum hymenoides</i>	Indian ricegrass	Drier hills
<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	Junegrass	Does well in moist or dry
<i>Achnatherum lettermanii</i>	Lettermans needlegrass	Dry to moist sites
<i>Bromus carinatus/marginatus</i>	Mountain brome	Do not confuse with smooth or meadow brome
<i>Poa fendleriana</i>	Mutton bluegrass	Tolerates wide array of habitats, drought tolerant
<i>Carex nebrascensis</i>	Nebraska sedge	Wet areas, stream sides, pond edges
<i>Hesperostipa comata</i>	Needle and thread	Drier hills
<i>Calamagrostis rubescens</i>	Pine reedgrass	Forms medium sized bunches from creeping rhizomes, does not flower regularly
<i>Danthonia spicata</i>	Poverty oatgrass	Drier hills
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Reed canarygrass	Prefers moist sites, tall, rhizomes, plant away from structures, get only native seed
<i>Glyceria grandis</i>	Reed mannagrass	Rhizomatous, on banks of streams, marshes and wet places
<i>Festuca saximontana</i>	Rocky Mountain fescue	Higher elevation sandy to gravelly soils
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	Saltgrass	Alkaline or saline wet areas
<i>Poa secunda</i>	Sandberg bluegrass	Small low growing grass, very drought tolerant
<i>Muhlenbergia asperifolia</i>	Scratchgrass	Alkaline or saline wet areas. Limited availability.
<i>Elymus trachycaulus</i>	Slender wheatgrass	Dry to moist sites, forms small bunches
<i>Trisetum spicatum</i>	Spike trisetum	Moist sites, higher elevations

<i>Elymus lanceolatus</i> ssp. <i>riparius</i>	Streambank wheatgrass	Wet to moist areas, spreads by rhizomes
<i>Elymus lanceolatus</i> ssp. <i>lanceolatus</i>	Thickspike wheatgrass	Drought tolerant, spreads by rhizomes
<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>	Tufted hairgrass	Moist to slightly dry sites
<i>Achnatherum occidentale</i>	Western needlegrass	Dry to moist sites
<i>Pascopyrum smithii</i>	Western wheatgrass	Drought tolerant, spreads by rhizomes, blueish

