

**Sideoats Grama**  
*Bouteloua curtipendula*

Sideoats grama is a *warm-season* bunch or sod- forming native grass. It grows from 15 to 30 inches and can be mowed to 3 inches. It adapts to most soils and is very drought tolerant. It is a coarse grass that can be grown up to 7000' elevation. It has a distinct flowering habit with its flowers and seed on only one side of the stem.

**Western Wheatgrass**  
*Pascopyrum smithii*

Western Wheatgrass is a *cool-season* sod-forming native. It grows from 12 to 36 inches but can be mowed to 3 inches. It tolerates traffic well. The foliage is rigid , upright and a blue-green color. Can go dormant in high heat. Tolerates alkaline soils.

**Reclamation Turf  
Grass Mix**

**Blue Grama 2.5 lbs. / acre**

**Buffalo Grass 13.5 lbs. / acre**

**Galleta 2.25 lbs. / acre**

**Indian Rice grass 2 lbs. / acre**

**Little Bluestem 3 lbs. / acre**

**Sand Dropseed 1 lb. / acre**

**Side Oats Grama 7.5 lbs. / acre**

**Western Wheat 12.5 lbs. /acre**

**This is a mixture of cool and warm season native grasses blended to perform well over a long season.**

**This turf area is mowed regularly during the growing season to maintain a groomed lawn appearance. It is irrigated with MP rotator spray heads with about 1/4 inch water per week.**

# Reclamation Turf



## *Demonstration Xeriscape Garden*



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### **Blue Grama**

*Bouteloua gracilis*

State grass of Colorado

Blue Grama is a flat bladed *warm-season* bunch grass. It has a blue-green color and a soft, fine texture during the growing season. Prefers full sun. Grows 8 to 15 inches tall and can be mowed to 2 1/2 to 3 inches.

Tolerates moderate traffic during the growing season but is vulnerable during dormancy (October to May).

Needs only 1/2 to 3/4 inches of water during the hot season every two weeks, and is very heat and drought tolerant.

Not invasive to landscaped areas.

### **Galleta**

*Hilaria jamesii*

(*Pleuraphis jamesii*)

Galleta grass is a sod-forming *warm-season* grass. It is a coarse bladed grass that tolerates high traffic. Prefers full sun. Grows from 6 to 20 inches tall and can be mowed to 3 inches. A drought and heat tolerant species from the western US. Moderate to low water user. Spreads by rhizomes and seed.

### **Buffalo Grass**

*Buchloe dactyloides*

Buffalo grass is a sod-forming *warm-season* grass. It is fine bladed blue-green and soft textured. Prefers full sun.

Grows to 8 inches and can be mowed 2 1/2 to 3

inches. Tolerates moderate traffic during active growth but not during dormant months (October to May).

Needs only 1/2 to 3/4 inches of water during the hot season every two weeks, and is heat and drought tolerant.

Can be invasive, but is a good slope stabilizer.

### **Sand Dropseed**

*Sporobolus cryptandrus*

Sand Dropseed is a *warm-season* bunch grass. It does not have rhizomes. Grows from 16 to 40 inches tall and can be mowed to 3 inches. It does not tolerate wet soils. Prefers full sun. It is valuable for wind erosion control in sandy soils.

Will grow up to 8000' elevation.

### **Little Bluestem**

*Schizachyrium scoparium*

Little Bluestem is a *warm-season* bunch grass that grows throughout most of N. America. Can grow from 18 to 36 inches a year depending on available moisture. Can be mowed to 3 inches. It is not fussy about soil and tolerates high salinity. It has coarse stems and green-blue foliage. There are several named varieties available. Not an invasive in a landscape area.

### **Indian Rice Grass**

*Achnatherum hymenoides*

Indian Rice grass is a *cool-season* bunch grass native from the plains to the Ponderosa Pines forests. Grows up to 30 inches tall but can be kept mowed to 3 inches. Goes dormant during the hottest part of the year but is one of the first grasses to green up. Germinates easily during the cool spring months if watered. Tolerates moderate traffic. Drought tolerant once established.