













Light Requirements		Water Requirements*	
Full Sun		Moderate	
Full Sun to Partial Shade		Low	
Partial to Full Shade		Very Low	
Soil pH Requirements		Place of Origin	
Acidic (Low pH)	L	Outside of US	Not Native
Neutral (pH 7.0)	N	Continental US	Native
Alkaline (High pH)	H	Oklahoma	OK-Native
Season of Interest		*Water requirements can be drastically reduced by liberal use of mulch. Some plants listed are marginally xeric in the absence of mulch. For more information about mulch go to <a href="http://osufacts.okstate.edu">osufacts.okstate.edu</a> and check out <a href="#">L-436</a> and <a href="#">HLA-6005</a> .	
Summer	SUM		
Fall	FALL		
Winter	WIN		
Spring	SPR		
All	ALL		
Plant Size			
Height			
Width			

# Ornamental Grasses and related species





<b>Big Bluestem</b> <i>Andropogon gerardii</i>		<b>ALL</b>	pH: <b>N</b>
3' ↑	4' →		
<b>OK-Native</b>			
Works as a tall background or a screen, cut back in the spring before new growth starts.			





<b>Purple Three Awn</b> <i>Aristida purpurea</i>		<b>FALL</b>	pH: <b>N</b>
12-24" ↑	12-24" →		
<b>OK-Native</b>			
Good for erosion control; seeds attract song birds, good habitat for wildlife.			



<b>Sideoats Grama</b> <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>		<b>SUM</b>	pH: <b>H</b>
1.5-2.5' ↑	1.5-2' →		
<b>OK-Native</b>			
Often found growing with Little Bluestem ( <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> ). Does Not compete well with very tall grasses.			



<b>Blue Grama</b> <i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>		<b>SUM</b>	pH: <b>N</b>
8-24" ↑	1.5-2' →		
<b>OK-Native</b>			
An important component of the Great Plains shortgrass prairie.			



<b>Northern Sea Oats</b> <i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>		ALL	pH: N
24" ↑	36" →		OK-Native
One of the more shade tolerant ornamental grasses, may self-seed.			



<b>Love Grass</b> <i>Eragrostis elliottii</i>		ALL	pH: N
2-3' ↑	2-3' →		OK-Native
Excellent erosion control. Very fine-textured foliage and airy seed heads give this plant excellent movement from even light wind.			



<b>Blue Fescue</b> <i>Festuca glauca</i>		ALL	pH: N
6-10" ↑	6-10" →		Not Native
Good accent plant. May go dormant in hot summers.			



<b>Blue Oat Grass</b> <i>Helictotrichon sempervirens</i>		ALL	pH: N
24-36" ↑	24-36" →		Not Native
Best blue color in dry soils. Tolerates light shade but performs best in full sun.			



<b>Corkscrew Rush</b> <i>Juncus effusus</i>		ALL	pH: N
2' ↑	1.5' →		Not Native
Not a true grass, this species requires little maintenance other than watering.			



<b>Blue Lyme Grass</b> <i>Leymus arenarius</i>		SUM	pH: N
24" ↑	36" →		Not Native
Spreading grass best used in containers or large masses.			



<b>Maiden Grass</b> <i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>		ALL	pH: N
4' ↑	3' →	☾ ☾	☼
Not Native		Great as specimen or in groupings. Can spread quickly and become a nuisance if not maintained.	



<b>Mexican Feather Grass</b> <i>Nassella tenuissima</i>		ALL	pH: N
18" ↑	12" →	☾	☼
Native		Remove the top third of the plant in the spring. Will reseed each growing season and can spread vigorously if not maintained..	



<b>Switchgrass</b> <i>Panicum virgatum</i>		SUM	pH: N
3' ↑	3' →	☾	☼
OK-Native		Useful as a screen, very vigorous plant. Many selections available.	



<b>Little Bluestem</b> <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>		ALL	pH: N
2' ↑	3' →	☾	☼
OK-Native		Works well as a background plant or in mass planting.	



<b>Indiangrass</b> <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>		FALL	pH: N
3' ↑	3' →	☾ ☾	☼
OK-Native		Cut back in late winter or early spring. Many cultivars available.	



<b>Prairie Dropseed</b> <i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>		ALL	pH: N
24-48" ↑	24-48" →	☾	☼
OK-Native		Foliage maintains a golden-bronze color through winter. Flowers are noted for unique fragrance in late summer-fall.	