

Ornamental Grasses in the Landscape – Kiss My Grass!

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Sources for further information and wholesale ordering:

Agrecol Native Seed and Plant Nursery – <https://www.agrecol.com/>

Intrinsic Perennials, Inc. – <https://www.intrinsicperennialgardens.com/>

Johnson's Nursery, Inc. – <https://www.jniplants.com/>

Pizzo Native Plant Nursery – <https://www.pizzonursery.com/>

W & E Radtke – <https://weradtke.com/>

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Prairie Moon Nursery – <https://www.prairiemoon.com/>

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Grasses to add to the landscape:

Tall Grasses:

Andropogon gerardii – big bluestem – native, 'Red Bull' and other cultivars redder fall color

Elymus canadensis – Canada wild rye – native

Miscanthus sinensis – Chinese silver grass – 'Purpurascens' for fall color, 'Morning Light' and 'Dixieland' white variegation, 'Zebrinus' and Bandwidth yellow striping, 'Huron Sunrise' reddish tinged flowers

Molinia caerulea ssp. *arundinacea* 'Skyracer' – Skyracer purple moor grass – tall, but see through

Panicum virgatum – switch grass – native, 'Northwind' and 'Totem Pole' are upright cultivars, 'Cheyenne Sky' and other cultivars have reddish tints, 'Bad Hair Day' larger, funky seed heads, also blue tinged cultivars

Sorghastrum nutans – Indian grass – native

Medium Grasses:

Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster' – Karl Foerster feather reed grass – common, 'Avalanche' and 'Overdam' are variegated

Calamagrostis brachytricha – Korean feather reed grass

Chasmanthium latifolium – northern sea oats – native, can take part shade, decorative seed head

Deschampsia cespitosa – tufted hair grass – native, can take part shade

Diarrhena obovata – beak grass – native, prefers part shade

Elymus hystrix – bottlebrush grass – native, prefers part shade, decorative seed head

Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Red Head' – 'Red Head' fountain grass – decorative bottlebrush seed heads, Prairie Winds® Lemon Squeeze fountain grass has chartreuse foliage

Schizachyrium scoparium – little bluestem – native, many selections for bluer color, fall color, and upright habit

Short Grasses:

Bouteloua curtipendula – sideoats grama – native

Bouteloua gracilis 'Blonde Ambition' – Blonde Ambition blue grama grass – decorative "eyelash" seed heads, 'Honeycomb' seed heads are slightly darker

Eragrostis spectabilis – purple love grass – native, cloud of seed heads

Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola' – Aureola Japanese forest grass – variegated chartreuse and green, part shade to shade

Helictotrichon sempervirens – blue oat grass – blue foliage, cultivar Sapphire often available

Imperata cylindrica – Japanese blood grass – red foliage, can be aggressive spreader so use hardscape to contain

Molinia caerulea spp. *caerulea* 'Moorflamme' – Moor Flame purple moor grass, also 'Poul Peterson' and other cultivars

Sesleria caerulea – blue moor grass

Sporobolus heterolepis – prairie dropseed – native – fragrant flowers in late summer, early fall

No Mow Lawn Seed Mix – mix of cool season fescues from Prairie Nursery, also Eco-Grass from Prairie Moon Nursery

Grass-like:

Carex flacca 'Blue Zinger' – Blue Zinger sedge – slightly taller, more upright, and bluer than species

Carex pensylvanica – Pennsylvania sedge – native – part shade to shade

Carex testacea 'Prairie Fire' – Prairie Fire sedge – annual, orange tinged foliage in cooler weather

Liriope spicata – Creeping liriope – spreading, sun to part shade, lavender flowers