

Grasses



Indian ricegrass

Achnatherum hymenoides



- Family: Poaceae
- Native to western U.S. and Canada.
- 2 feet in height; 1 foot wide.
- Nice accent plant for xeric garden but will readily reseed and spread.
- Edible seeds

Sacaton *Sporobolus wrightii*



- Family: Poaceae
- Native to southwest U.S.
5-6 feet high and 3 feet wide.
- Large accent plant or good for low windbreak or border when planted in rows.
- Cut back dead leaves in early spring.
- Spreads readily by seed if soil is moist.
- Tough to eliminate (pull up) when established.

Blue grama & Buffalograss mix

Bouteloua gracilis & *Buchloe dactyloides*



- Family: Poaceae
- Native warm-season grasses.
- Greens-up in May in northern New Mexico and goes dormant with first fall freeze.
- Suitable for lawn (if mowed frequently), pasture, or ornamental (blue grama)
- Lower water-use than introduced cool-season grasses (Kentucky bluegrass, fescues, etc.)
 - 28 inches vs. 40 inches
- Blue grama grows tall quickly.

Blue grama seed heads





End of Module 4

PLANTS: PHOTOS AND DESCRIPTIONS