

## WaterSmart Plant List for the Sacramento Region

Very Low, Low, Moderate Water-Use Ornamental Grasses



Genus	Species	Variety / Cultivar	Common Name	Water Requirement	Plant Type	Exposure	Climate Zone	Mature Size Tall (T) / Width (W)	Plant Coverage Value / (Sq. Ft.)	Bloom Color / Season	Drought Tolerant	CA Native	Deer Resistant	UC All-Star	Rain Garden
<b>Ornamental Grasses</b>															
											<b>Uses/Benefits</b>				
Bouteloua	gracilis		Blue Gramma Grass	L	Semi-evergreen to deciduous	FS	1-3, 7-11, 14, 18-21	1.5-2' T / 1' W	1	Reddish to White / Summer	Y	Y			
Calamagrostis	foliosa		Mendocino Reed Grass	M	Semi-evergreen	FS/PS	9, 14, 15	1' T / 2' W	3	Silver / Spring	Y	Y			
Calamagrostis	x acutiflora		Feather Reed Grass	L	Semi-evergreen	FS/PS	2B-24	3' T / W	7	Purple-tinged to Buff / Summer					
Calamagrostis	x acutiflora	'Karl Foerster'	Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass	L	Semi-evergreen	FS/PS	2B-24	2-3' T / 1.5-2.5' W	3	Purple-tinged to Buff / Summer			Y	Y	
Calamagrostis	x acutiflora	'Overdam'	Overdam Feather Reed Grass	L	Semi-evergreen	FS	2B-24	2-2.5' T / 2' W	3	Reddish Brown, Golden / Summer, Fall					
Festuca	californica		California Fescue	M	Evergreen	FS	4-9, 14-24	2-3' T / 1-2' W	2	Green, Purple, Yellow / Spring, Summer		Y	Y	Y	
Festuca	glauca		Common Blue Fescue	L	Semi-evergreen	FS	1 to 24	1' T / W	1	Green, Buff / Summer			Y		
Festuca	glauca	'Elijah Blue'	Elijah Blue Fescue	L	Evergreen	FS	1 to 24	1' T / 1-2' W	2	Golden / Summer	Y		Y		
Festuca	idahoensis	'Siskyou Blue'	Siskyou Blue Idaho Fescue	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	1-10, 14-24	2' T / W	3	Wheat / Spring, Summer	Y	Y	Y		Y
Festuca	rubra		Red Fescue	M	Evergreen	FS/PS	A2, A3, 1-10, 14-24	3-12' T / 1' W	1	Wheat / Spring	Y	Y	Y		Y
Helictotrichon	sempervirens		Blue Oat Grass	L	Evergreen to semi-evergreen	FS	1-12, 14-24	2-3' T / W	5	Light Blue, Buff / Spring-Summer			Y		
Miscanthus	sinensis	'Adagio'	Adagio Maiden Grass	M	Semi-evergreen	FS/PS	2 to 24	2-3' T / 3-4' W	10	Pinkish Bronzy / Summer-Fall			Y	Y	
Miscanthus	sinensis	'Morning Light'	Morning Light Maiden Grass	M	Semi-evergreen	FS	2 to 24	5' T / 3-4' W	10	Pinkish Reddish Brown / Summer, Fall			Y	Y	
Muhlenbergia	capillaris		Pink Muhly	L	Semi-evergreen	FS	4 to 24	3' T / W	7	Pink / Fall	Y		Y		
Muhlenbergia	dubia		Pine Muhly	L	Evergreen	FS	3B, 7-24	2-3' T / W	5	Tan / Summer, Fall	Y		Y	Y	
Muhlenbergia	rigens		Deer Grass	L	Evergreen	FS	4 to 24	3-4' T / W	10	Yellow, Purplish / Fall		Y		Y	Y
Nassella (See Stipa)	pulchra		Purple Needle Grass	VL	Semi-evergreen	FS	5-9, 11, 14-24	1.5' T / 1' W	1	Purple, Silvery Tan / Winter, Spring	Y	Y	Y		
Pennisetum	alopecuroides		Black Pennisetum	L	Semi-evergreen	FS	2B-24	5' T / W	20	Pinkish / Summer, Fall	Y		Y		
Pennisetum	alopecuroides	'Hameln'	Dwarf Fountain Grass	L	Semi-evergreen	FS	2B-24	2-3' T 1-2' W	2	White / Summer, Fall			Y		
Pennisetum	alopecuroides	'Little Bunny'	Little Bunny Dwarf Fountain Grass	L	Semi-evergreen	FS	2B-24	1' T / W	1	Buff / Summer, Fall	Y		Y		

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Pennisetum	orientale	'Karley Rose'	Oriental Fountain Grass	L	Semi-evergreen to deciduous	FS	3-10, 14-24	2' T / 2.5' W	5	Rose Purple, Tannish Brown / Summer, Fall			Y			
Stipa pulchra (Nassella pulchra)	pulchra		Purple Needle Grass	VL	Semi-evergreen	FS	5-9, 11, 14-24	1.5' T / 1' W	1	Purple, Silvery Tan / Winter, Spring	Y	Y	Y			