

**WaterSmart Plant List for the Sacramento Region**  
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**Ornamental Grasses**

Genus	Species	Variety / Cultivar / Hybrid	Common Name	Water Use	Plant Type	Exposure	Climate Zone	Mature Size Tall (T) / Wide (W)	Plant Coverage Value (Sq. Ft.)	Bloom Color / Season	Uses / Benefits						
<i>Aristida</i>	<i>purpurea</i>		Purple Three-awn	VL	Perennial	FS	3B-24	2-2.5' T / W	5	Purplish / Summer, Fall		Y	Y				
<i>Bouteloua</i>	<i>gracilis</i>	& cvs.	Blue Grama	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					Y
<i>Bouteloua</i>	<i>gracilis</i>	'Blonde Ambition'	Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass	L	Semi-evergreen to Deciduous	FS	1-3, 7-11, 14, 18-21	2.5-3' T / W	6	Chartreuse to Buff / Summer, Fall, Winter							
<i>Calamagrostis</i>	<i>foliosa</i>		Leafy Reed Grass, Mendocino Reed Grass	M	Semi-evergreen	FS/PS	9, 14, 15	1' T / 2' W	3	Silver / Spring	Y	Y					
<i>Calamagrostis</i>	<i>x acutiflora</i>	& cvs.	Feather Reed Grass	L	Semi-evergreen	FS/PS	2B-24	3' T / W	7	Purple-tinged to Buff / Summer							
<i>Calamagrostis</i>	<i>x acutiflora</i>	'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			
<i>Calamagrostis</i>	<i>x acutiflora</i>	'Overdam'	Overdam Feather Reed Grass	L	Semi-evergreen	FS	2B-24	2-2.5' T / 2 W	3	Reddish Brown, Golden / Summer, Fall							
<i>Festuca</i>	<i>californica</i>		California Fescue	M	Evergreen	FS	4-9, 14-24	2-3' T / 1-2' W	2	Green, Purple, Yellow / Spring, Summer	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y
<i>Festuca</i>	<i>glauca</i>		Blue Fescue	L	Semi-evergreen	FS	1 to 24	1' T / W	1	Green, Buff / Summer	Y		Y				Y
<i>Festuca</i>	<i>glauca</i>	'Beyond Blue' PPAF23307	Beyond Blue Fescue	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	1 to 24	1' T / 1.5' W	2	Tan / Late Spring, Early Summer	Y		Y				Y
<i>Festuca</i>	<i>glauca</i>	'Elijah Blue'	Elijah Blue Fescue	L	Evergreen	FS	1 to 24	1' T / 1-2' W	2	Green to Buff / Summer	Y		Y				Y
<i>Festuca</i>	<i>idahoensis</i>	'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		
<i>Festuca</i>	<i>rubra</i>		Creeping Red Fescue	M	Evergreen	FS/PS	A2, A3, 1-10, 14-24	3-12" T / 1' W	1	Wheat / Spring	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
<i>Helictotrichon</i>	<i>sempervirens</i>		Blue Oat Grass	L	Evergreen to Semi-evergreen	FS	1-12, 14-24	2-3' T / W	5	Light Blue, Buff / Spring, Summer	Y		Y				
<i>Leymus</i>	<i>condensatus</i>	'Canyon Prince'	Canyon Prince Wild Rye	L	Evergreen	FS/PS	7-12, 14-24	2-5' T / 3' W	7	Wheat / Summer, Fall	Y	Y					
<i>Melinis (Rhynchelytrum)</i>	<i>nerviglumis (nerviglume)</i>		Rubygrass, Natal Ruby Grass, Pink Crystals	M	Evergreen	FS	2B-24, H1, H2	1-2' T / W	2	Ruby Pink to White / Spring, Summer	Y		Y				Y
<i>Miscanthus</i>	<i>sinensis</i>	'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			
<i>Miscanthus</i>	<i>sinensis</i>	'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			
<i>Muhlenbergia</i>	<i>capillaris</i>	& cvs.	Hairy Awn Muhly, Pink Muhly	L	Semi-evergreen	FS	4 to 24	3' T / W	7	Pink / Fall	Y		Y				Y
<i>Muhlenbergia</i>	<i>dubia</i>		Pine Muhly	L	Evergreen	FS	3B, 7-24	2-3' T / W	5	Tan / Summer, Fall	Y		Y	Y			
<i>Muhlenbergia</i>	<i>lindheimeri</i>		Lindheimer Muhly	L	Semi-evergreen	FS/PS	6 to 24	3-6' T / 1-3' W	3	Purplish-gray / Fall	Y		Y				
<i>Muhlenbergia</i>	<i>rigens</i>		Deer Grass	L	Evergreen	FS	4 to 24	3-4' T / W	10	Golden to Purplish / Fall	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	
<i>Nassella (Stipa)</i>	<i>pulchra</i>		Purple Needlegrass	VL	Semi-evergreen	FS	5-9, 11, 14-24	1.5' T / 1' W	1	Purple, Silvery Tan / Winter, Spring	Y	Y	Y				
<i>Pennisetum</i>	<i>alopecuroides</i>	'Hameln'	Dwarf Fountain Grass	L	Semi-evergreen	FS	2B-24	2-3' T / 1-2' W	2	White / Summer, Fall			Y				

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<i>Pennisetum</i>	<i>alopecuroides</i>	'Little Bunny'	Little Bunny Dwarf Fountain Grass	L	Semi-evergreen	FS	2B-24	1' T / W	1	Buff / Summer, Fall	Y		Y			
<i>Pennisetum</i>	<i>orientale</i>		Oriental Fountain Grass, Chinese Fountain Grass	L	Deciduous	FS	3010-14-24	2' T / 2.5' W	5	Pinkish / Spring, Fall			Y			
<i>Pennisetum</i>	<i>orientale</i>	'Karley Rose'	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			
<i>Rhynchelytrum (Melinus)</i>	<i>nerviglume (nerviglumis)</i>		Rubygrass, Natal Ruby Grass, Pink Crystals	M	Perennial grass	FS	2B-24, H1, H2	1-2' T / W	2	Ruby Pink to White / Spring, Summer						Y
<i>Sporobolus</i>	<i>airoides</i>		Alkalai Sacaton	VL	Perennial grass	FS	1 to 24	3-4' T / 2-3' W	5	Pinkish, Tan / Summer, Fall	Y	Y	Y			Y
<i>Sporobolus (Nassella pulchra)</i>	<i>wrightii (pulchra)</i>		Big Sacaton, Giant Sacaton, Wright's Dropseed	VL	Perennial grass	FS	3B, 7-16, 18,24	5-6' T / 6 W	28	Yellow / Summer, Fall	Y	Y				
			Purple Needlegrass	VL	Semi-evergreen	FS	5-9, 11, 14-24	1.5' T / 1' W	1	Purple, Silvery Tan / Winter, Spring	Y	Y	Y			Y