

## CHECKLIST OF TEXAS GRASS SPECIES AND A KEY TO THE GENERA

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### ABSTRACT

The grass family (Poaceae) is the second largest vascular plant family in Texas. This checklist was created to provide information on the currently known grass species and their distribution in Texas using the 10 vegetational areas for the state. The list provides current scientific names and synonyms as well as common names and an indication of the geographic distribution. The origin (native versus introduced), longevity (perennial versus annual), and season of growth (cool versus warm) are also given for each species. A dichotomous key to the Texas grass genera follows the checklist.

**KEY WORDS:** Poaceae, Texas, species checklist, synonyms, vegetational areas, key to genera



The need for identification and classification of organisms, like grasses, is fundamental to the study of ecology, ecological restoration, forages, and wetlands as well as our immediate surroundings. Communication with other people regarding plants requires more than a simple, "This is buffalograss", with a specimen or image. Plant names, be they common or scientific, are highly important to accurately and quickly communicate knowledge to other people, written or verbally. Checklists have been developed to show species occurrence within certain boundaries or variation within a taxon e.g., "All these are grama grasses."

Texas has about 638 species (Table 1), and about 150 genera of grasses. Table 1 shows a comparison of Gould (1975), Shaw et al. (2011), with our data. Table 2 is a synopsis of our classification, giving the numbers of subfamilies, tribes, genera, and species in the state.

Grass species distributions use the map (Fig. 1) with 10 vegetation areas. These areas are numbered 1-10 and have specific names. The numbers following species in the checklist indicates the distribution of each taxon. For additional information see the following publications and discussions (Cory & Parks 1937; Gould 1962, 1975; Correll & Johnston 1970; Hatch et al. 1990; Powell 1994; Jones et al. 1997; Turner et al. 2003; Shaw et al. 2011).

## VEGETATIONAL AREAS OF TEXAS

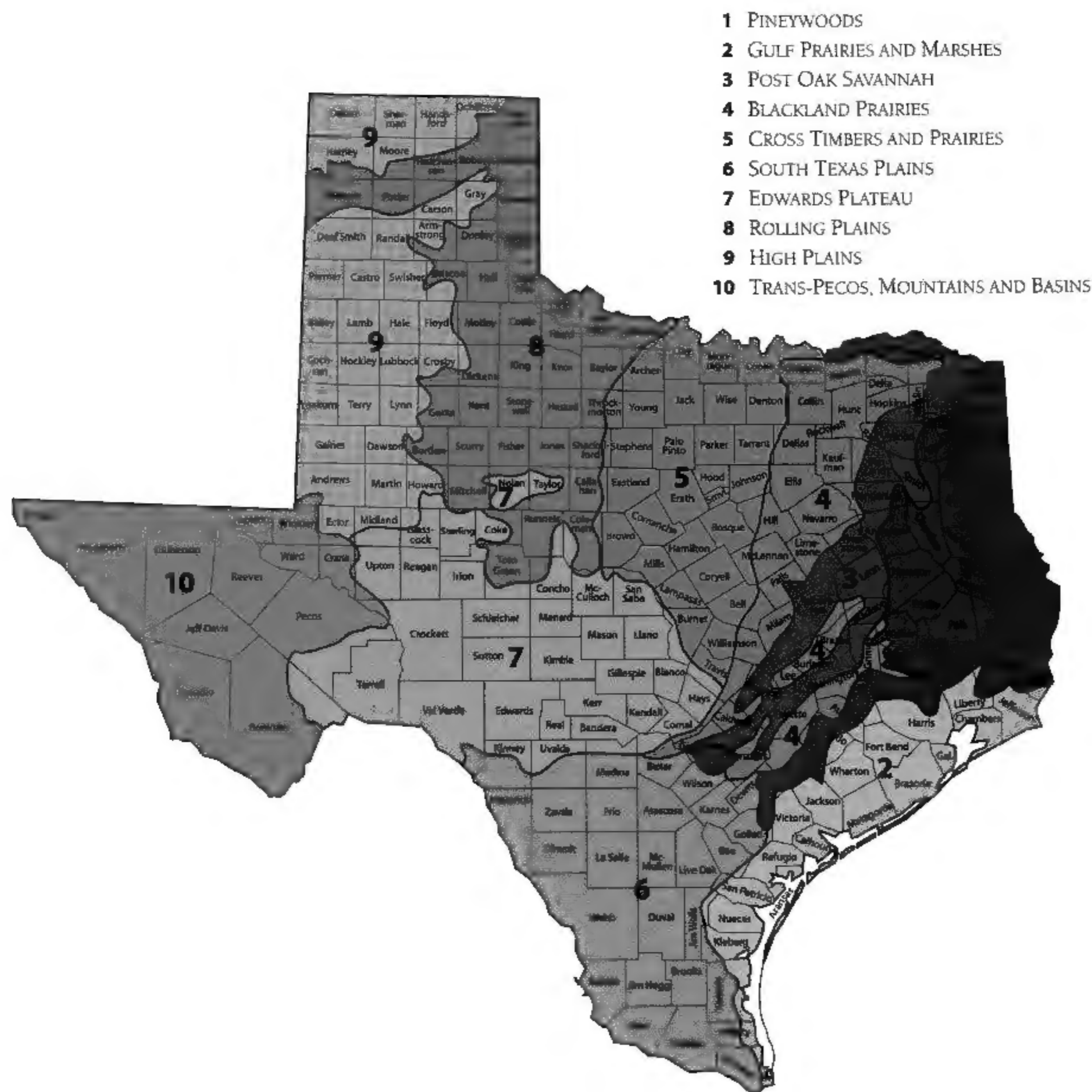


Figure 1. Vegetational areas of Texas.

The current checklist and key are based primarily on the large collection of grasses housed in the S.M. Tracy Herbarium (TAES) and thus reflect a larger base of data than in previous summary accounts of the Texas Poaceae. Although we have attempted to provide relevant data on Texas grasses, this publication obviously will be incomplete in various respects. We emphasize the importance of expanding and refining the understanding of the Texas flora. Thus, we welcome and encourage all interested persons to comment and make additions to the database used for this list. We encourage the documentation of new records by specimen vouchers and expect to add many new records as a result of your collections and our verification.

**Table 1. Comparison of selected treatments of Texas Grasses**

	Goulds (1975)	Shaw et al. 2011	This Checklist
Subfamilies	6	8	9
Tribes	21	19	23
Genera	122	181	150
Species	523	721	638

**Table 2. Synopsis of this grass classification**

<b>Subfamilies</b>	<b>Tribes</b>	<b>Genus/Genera</b>	<b>Species</b>
Aristidoideae	1	1	18
Arundinoideae	1	3	4
Bambusoideae	2	3	3
Centothecoideae	1	1	2
Chloridoideae	4	45	215
Danthonioideae	1	2	4
Ehrhartoideae	2	6	11
Panicoideae	2	42	239
Pooideae	9	47	142
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>638</b>

This *Checklist of Texas Grasses* summarizes species and distribution data that includes the following information:

1. All species names are in alphabetical order.
2. The distribution for each taxon is summarized by the numbers 1-10, representing the 10 vegetational areas of Texas (Fig. 1). In addition to this see the six areas of the data below.
3. Correct names are in italics and boldface. Appropriate synonyms are not in italics or bold and underlined. Synonyms are included in the alphabetical list. The synonyms are followed by parentheses that include an equal (=) sign and where that synonym is now treated as a taxon.
4. Authorities are given for genera, species, subspecies, and varieties (typical subspecies and varieties, called autonyms, do not have authorities).
5. Scientific names and authorities are followed by common names (if available). The first common name of a species is shown in all capital letters, and additional common names appear in lowercase letters. The initial letters of common names for genera, if any, are capitalized. If the common name of a genus is used, the name is abbreviated to its first letter.
6. The codes for origin, longevity, phenology, distribution, and cultivation are given to the right of the accepted species.

**Origin**

N= Native I= Introduced

**Longevity**

A= Annual B= Biennial P= Perennial

**Season of Growth**

W= Warm season C= Cool season

**Cultivated**

CUL

7. Cultivated crops or ornamental taxa are designated with CUL.

The following codes denote plant origin, longevity, season of growth and wetland classification.

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Season of growth: W = Warm season growth, C = Cool season growth.

Cultivated = CUL

**2012 Grasses of Texas Checklist**

ACHNATHERUM (= *STIPA*)

- A. aridum (= *Stipa arida*)
- A. clandestinum (= *Stipa clandestina*)
- A. curvifolium (= *Stipa curvifolia*)
- A. eminens (= *Stipa eminens*)
- A. hymenoides (= *Stipa hymenoides*)
- A. lobatum (= *Stipa lobata*)
- A. nelsonii (= *Stipa perplexa*)
- A. perplexum (= *Stipa perplexa*)
- A. robustum (= *Stipa robusta*)
- A. scribneri (= *Stipa scribneri*)

AEGILOPS (= *TRITICUM*)

- A. cylindrica (= *Triticum cylindricum*)

AGROPOGON

- A. littoralis (Sm.) C. E. Hubbard  
(*Agrostis stolonifera* × *Polypogon monspeliensis*) IPW 10

AGROPYRON Gaertn., Wheatgrass

- A. arizonicum (= *Elymus arizonicus*)
- A. cristatum (L.) Gaertn., CRESTED W. IPC 8 9 10CUL
- A. desertorum (= *A. cristatum*)
- A. elongatum (= *Elymus pontica*)
- A. intermedium (= *Elymus hispidus*)
- A. smithii (= *Elymus smithii*)
- A. spicatum (= *Elymus spicatus*)
- A. subsecundum (= *Elymus trachycaulus*)
- A. trachycaulum (= *Elymus trachycaulus*)

AGROSTIS L., Bentgrass

- A. avenacea J. Gmel., PACIFIC B. IPC 10
- A. elliottiana Schult., ELLIOTT B., annual ticklegrass NAC 1 2 3 4 7
- A. exarata Trin. SPIKE B. NPC 10
- A. gigantea (= *A. stolonifera*)
- A. hyemalis (Walt.) B.S.P., WINTER B., fly-away grass, ticklegrass, spring b. NPC 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 10
- A. perennans (Walt.) Tuckerm., AUTUMN B., perennial b. NPC 1 3
- A. scabra (= *A. hyemalis*)
- A. semiverticillata (= *Polypogon viridis*)



<u>A. ischaemum</u> var. <u>songaricus</u> (= <i>Bothriochloa ischaemum</i> )									
<u>A. littoralis</u> (= <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> var. <i>littoralis</i> )									
<u>A. longipaniculata</u> (= <i>Bothriochloa laguroides</i> subsp. <i>torreyana</i> )									
<u>A. neomexicanum</u> (= <i>Schizachyrium neomexicanum</i> )									
<u>A. nodosus</u> (= <i>Dichanthium aristatum</i> )									
<u>A. perforatus</u> (= <i>Bothriochloa barbinodis</i> )									
<u>A. pertusus</u> (= <i>Bothriochloa pertusa</i> )									
<u>A. saccharoides</u> var. <u>torreyanus</u> (= <i>Bothriochloa laguroides</i> subsp. <i>torreyana</i> )									
<u>A. scoparius</u> var. <u>divergens</u> (= <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> var. <i>divergens</i> )									
<u>A. scoparius</u> var. <u>virilis</u> (= <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> var. <i>divergens</i> )									
<u>A. sericeus</u> (= <i>Dichanthium sericeum</i> )									
<u>A. spadiceus</u> (= <i>Schizachyrium spadiceum</i> )									
<u>A. springfieldii</u> (= <i>Bothriochloa springfieldii</i> )									
<u>A. ternarius</u> Michx. SPLITBEARD B., splitbeard beardgrass, silvery beardgrass, feather b.	NPW	1	2	3	4	5			10
<u>A. virginicus</u> L., BROOMSEdge B., yellowsedge b., Virginia b., broomsedge	NPW	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
<u>A. virginicus</u> var. <u>abbreviatus</u> (= <i>A. glomeratus</i> )									
<u>A. wrightii</u> (= <i>Bothriochloa wrightii</i> )									
ANISTANTHA (= <i>BROMUS</i> )									
<u>A. diandrus</u> (= <i>Bromus diandrus</i> )									
<u>A. rubens</u> (= <i>Bromus rubens</i> )									
<u>A. sterilis</u> (= <i>Bromus sterilis</i> )									
<u>A. tectorum</u> (= <i>Bromus tectorum</i> )									
ANTHAENANTIA P. Beauv., Silkyscale									
<u>A. rufa</u> (Ell.) Schult., PURPLE S.	NPW	1	2						
<u>A. villosa</u> (Michx.) P. Beauv., GREEN S., purple s.	NPW	1	2	3					
ANTHOXANTHUM L., Vernalgrass									
<u>A. aristatum</u> Boiss., SMALL SWEET V., v.	IAC								
<u>A. odoratum</u> L., SWEET V.	IPC								
APERA Adans.									
<u>A. spica-venti</u> (L.) P. Beauv., LOOSE SILKYBENT, windgrass	IAC					4			







*BLEPHARONEURON* Nash

*B. tricholepis* (Torr.) Nash, PINE DROPSEED, hairy dropseed NPW 10

*BOTHRIOCHLOA* Kuntze., Bluestem

*B. alta* (A. Hitchc.) Henr., TALL B. NPW 10

*B. barbinodis* (Lag.) Hert., CANE B.

var. *barbinodis*, CANE B., cane beardgrass, bristlejoint b. NPW 2 5 6 7 8 9 10

var. *perforata* (Fourn.) Gould, PINHOLE B., pinhole beardgrass, perforated b. NPW 2 5 6 7 8 9 10

*B. bladhii* (Retz.) S. T. Blake, AUSTRALIAN B. IPW 2 3 6

*B. caucasica* (= *B. bladhii*)

*B. edwardsiana* (Gould) L. R. Parodi, MERRILL'S B. NPW 7

*B. exaristata* (Nash) Henr., AWNLESS B. NPW 2

*B. hybrida* (Gould) Gould, HYBRID B. NPW 2 6 7

*B. intermedia* (= *B. bladhii*)

*B. ischaemum* (L.) Keng, KING RANCH B. IPW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

*B. laguroides* (DC.) Hert.

subsp. *torreyana* (Steud.) Allred & Gould, SILVER B., silver beardgrass NPW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

*B. longipaniculata* (= *B. laguroides* subsp. *torreyana*)

*B. pertusa* (L.) A. Camus, PITTED B. IPW 6

*B. sachharoides* var. *torreyana* (= *B. laguroides* subsp. *torreyana*)

*B. springfieldii* (Gould) L. R. Parodi, SPRINGFIELD B. NPW 9 10

*B. wrightii* (Hack.) Henr., WRIGHT'S B. NPW 10

*BOUTELOUA* Lag. *mut.* Lag., Grama

*B. aristidoides* (Kunth) Griesb. NAW 6 7 10

var. *aristidoides*, NEEDLE G., sixweek g.

var. *arizonica* (M. E. Jones) Allred

*B. barbata* Lag., SIXWEEKS G. NAW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

*B. breviseta* Vasey, GYP G. NPW 10

*B. chondrosioides* (Kunth) Benth. *ex* S. Wats., SPRUCETOP G. NPW 10

*B. curtipendula* (Michx.) Torr.

var. *caespitosa* Gould & Kapadia, SIDEOATS G. NPW 5 6 7 10

var. *curtipendula*, SIDEOATS G. NPW 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

var. *tenuis* Gould & Kapadia, CREEPING SIDEOATS G. IPW 7

*B. dactyloides* (= *Buchloe dactyloides*)

<i>B. eriopoda</i> (Torr ) Torr , BLACK G , woollyfoot g	NPW							7	8	9	10
<i>B. gracilis</i> (Kunth) Lag , ex Griffiths, BLUE G	NPW				5			7	8	9	10
<i>B. hirsuta</i> Lag , HAIRY G	NPW	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>B. kayii</i> Warnock, KAY G	NPW							7			10
<i>B. pectinata</i> Featherly, TALL G	NPW							7			10
<i>B. ramosa</i> Scribn ex Vasey, CHINO G	NPW									9	10
<i>B. repens</i> (Kunth) Scribn , & Merr , SLENDER G , large-mesquite g	NPW						6	7			
<i>B. rigidiseta</i> (Steud ) A Hitchc											
var <i>rigidiseta</i> , TEXAS G , mesquitegrass	NPW		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>B. simplex</i> Lag , MAT G	NAW										10
<i>B. trifida</i> Thurb ex S Wats , RED G , threeawn g	NPW		2	3		5	6	7	8	9	10
var <i>trifida</i>											
<i>B. uniflora</i> Vasey, NEALLEY G , one-flowered g	NPW							7			10
<i>B. warnockii</i> Gould & Kapadia, WARNOCK G	NPW										10
<b>BRACHIARIA</b> (Trin ) A Griseb , Signalgrass											
<i>B. arizonica</i> ( <i>Urochloa arizonica</i> )											
<i>B. brizantha</i> (= <i>U. brizantha</i> )											
<i>B. ciliatissima</i> ( <i>U. ciliatissima</i> )											
<i>B. eruciformis</i> (J E Smith) A Griseb	IAW							7			
<i>B. fasciculata</i> ( <i>U. fusca</i> )											
<i>B. mutica</i> ( <i>U. mutica</i> )											
<i>B. plantaginea</i> (= <i>U. platyphylla</i> )											
<i>B. platyphylla</i> ( <i>U. platyphylla</i> )											
<i>B. ramosa</i> (= <i>U. fasciculata</i> )											
<i>B. reptans</i> ( <i>U. reptans</i> )											
<i>B. texana</i> ( <i>U. texana</i> )											
<b>BRACHYELYTRUM</b> P Beauv											
<i>B. erectum</i> (Schreb ex Spreng ) P Beauv , SOUTHERN SHORTHUSK	NPC	1									
<b>BRACHYPODIUM</b> P Beauv											
<i>B. distachyon</i> (L ) P Beauv , PURPLE FALSEBROME	IAC					5		7			
<b>BRIZA</b> L , Quakinggrass											
<i>B. maxima</i> L , BIG Q	IAC	1	2								
<i>B. minor</i> L , LITTLE Q	IAC	1	2	3	4						CUL



*BUCHLOË* Engelm

*B. dactyloides* (Nutt.) Engelm.,  
BUFFALOGRASS NPW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

*CALAMOVILFA* (A. Gray) Hack

*C. gigantea* (Nutt.) Scribn. & Merr. BIG  
SANDREED, giant reedgrass NPW 8 9 10

*CATAPODIUM* Link (= *DESMAZERIA*)

*C. rigidum* (= *Desmazeria rigida*)

*CATHESTECUM* J. Presl

*C. erectum* Vasey & Hack., FALSE GRAMA NPW 7 10

*CENCHRUS* L., Sandbur, Cenchrus

*C. brownii* Roem. & Schult., GREEN S IPW 6

*C. ciliaris* (= *Pennisetum ciliare*)

*C. echinatus* L., SOUTHERN S., hedge-hog  
grass NAW 1 2 3 4 6

*C. incertus* (= *C. spinifex*)

*C. longispinus* (Hack.) Fern., LONGSPINE S NAW 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

*C. myosuroides* Kunth., BIG C., big sandbur,  
cadillo NPW 2 6 7 10

*C. pauciflorus* (= *C. spinifex*)

*C. setigerus* (= *Pennisetum setigerum*)

*C. spinifex* A. Cav., COMMON S NPW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

*CERATOCCHLOA* (= *BROMUS*)

*C. carinata* (= *Bromus carinatus*)

*C. catharticus* (= *Bromus catharticus*)

*C. polyantha* (= *Bromus polyanthus*)

*CHASMANTHIUM* Link., Woodoats

*C. latifolium* (Michx.) H. Yates, BROADLEAF  
W NPW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

*C. laxum* (L.) H. Yates, NARROWLEAF W NPW 1 2 3 4

*C. sessiliflorum* (= *C. laxum*)

*CHLORIS* Sw., Windmillgrass, Chloris

*C. andropogonoides* E. Fourn., SLIMSPIKE W NPW 2 7

*C. barbata* (L.) Sw., SWOLLEN W NAW 2

*C. x brevispica* (*C. x subdolichostachya*)

*C. canterae* Arechav., PARAGUAYAN W IPW 2 3 6 7

*C. chloridea* (= *Enteropogon chlorideus*)

*C. ciliata* Sw., FRINGED C NPW 2 6 7



*CORTADERIA* Stapf

- C. jubata* (Lemoine ex Carriere) Stapf, PURPLE PAMPUSGRASS IPW
- C. selloana* (Schult & Schult f) Asch & Graebn., PAMPASGRASS IPW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 CUL

*COTTEA* Kunth

- C. pappophoroides* Kunth, COTTAGRASS NPW 7 10

CRITESION ( *-HORDEUM* )

- C. jubatum* ( *Hordeum jubatum* )
- C. murinum* ( *Hordeum murinum* )
- C. pusillum* ( *Hordeum pusillum* )

*CTENIUM* Panz., TOOTHACHEGRASS

- C. aromaticum* (Walt) A. Wood, TOOTHACHEGRASS, orangegrass NPW 1

*CYNODON* L Rich., Bermudagrass

- C. aethiopicus* Clayton & Harlan, ETHIOPIAN DOGTOOTHGRASS IPW CUL
- C. dactylon* (L) Pers., B., pata del gallo, common b IPW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 CUL
- C. x magennisii* Hurcombe, MAGENNIS DOGTOOTH GRASS IPW CUL
- C. nlemfuensis* Vanderyst, AFRICA B IPW 2 6 CUL
- C. plectostachyus* (K Schum) Pilg., STARGRASS IPW 6 CUL

*CYNOSURUS* L

- C. echinatus* L., BRISTLY DOGTAIL IAC 3

*DACTYLIS* L

- D. glomerata* L., ORCHARDGRASS IPC 1 2 7 9 10 CUL

*DACTYLOCTENIUM* Willd

- D. aegyptium* (L) Willd., DURBAN CROWFOOTGRASS, Egyptian crowfootgrass IAW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

*DANTHONIA* DC., Danthonia, Oatgrass

- D. sericea* Nutt., DOWNY O NPC 1
- D. spicata* (L) P Beauv ex Roem & Schult., POVERTY O, poverty d NPC 1 3 5

*DASYOCHLOA* Willd ex Rydb

- D. pulchella* (Kunth) Willd ex Rydb, FLUFFGRASS NPW 7 8 9 10

*DESMAZERIA* Dumort

*D. rigida* (L.) T. Tutin, STIFFGRASS IAC 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

*DIARRHENA* P. Beauv

*D. americana* of TX authors (= *D. obovata*)

*D. obovata* (Gleason) A. Brandenburg, AMERICAN BEAKGRAIN NPC 1

*DICHANTHELIUM* (A. Hitchc. & Chase) Gould, Rosettegrass

*D. aciculare* (Desv. ex Poir.) Gould & C. Clark

var. *aciculare*, NARROW-LEAF R. NPC 1 2 3 4

var. *angustifolium* (Ell.) Freckmann & Lelong NPC

*D. acuminatum* (Sw.) Gould & C. Clark

var. *acuminatum*, WOOLLY R. NPC 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 10

var. *densiflorum* (Rand & Redf.) Gould & C. Clark NPC 2

var. *lindheimeri* (Nash) Gould & C. Clark, LINDHEIMER R. NPC 1 2 3 4 5 7

var. *longiligulatum* (Nash) Gould & C. Clark NPC 1

var. *villosum* (Sw.) Gould & C. Clark, WHITEHAIRD R. NPC 1 3 5

*D. angustifolium* (= *D. aciculare*)

*D. boscii* (Poir.) Gould & C. Clark, BOSCO'S R. NPC 1 2 3

*D. clandestinum* (L.) Gould, DEERTONGUE R. NPC 1 3

*D. commutatum* (Schult.) Gould, VARIABLE R. NPC 1 2

*D. consanguineum* (Kunth) Gould & C. Clark, KUNTH'S R. NPC 1 2

*D. depauperatum* (Muhl.) Gould, STARVED R. NPC 1

*D. dichotomum* (L.) Gould, FORKED R.

var. *dichotomum* NPC 1 2 3 4 5

var. *ensifolium* (= *D. ensifolium*)

var. *lucidum* (Ashe) Freckmann & Lelong NPC

var. *nitidum* (Lam.) Freckmann & Lelong NPC

var. *ramulosum* (Torr.) LeBlond NPC

var. *uncephyllum* (Trin.) Davidse NPC

*D. ensifolium* (Baldw. ex Ell.) Gould BOG R. NPC 1

*D. lanuginosum* (= *D. acuminatum* var. *acuminatum*)

*D. latifolium* (L.) Harvil, BROADLEAF R. NPC 1

*D. laxiflorum* (Lam.) Gould, OPENFLOWER R. NPC 1 3

*D. leucoblepharis* (= *D. strigosum*)

*D. lindheimeri* (= *D. acuminatum* var. *lindheimeri*)







*ELEUSINE* Gaertn , Goosegrass

*E. indica* (L ) Gaertn , G , yardgrass, zacate  
guacima IAW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

*E. tristachya* (Lam ) Lam , THREESPIKE G IAW 3

*ELIONURUS* Humb & Bonpl ex Willd ,  
Balsamscale

*E. barbiculmis* Hack , WOOLSPIKE B , NPW 10  
bristlenode b

*E. tripsacoides* Humb & Bonpl ex Willd , PAN NPW 2 6  
AMERICAN B , b

*ELYMUS* L , Wildrye, Wheatgrass

*E. arizonicus* (Scribn & J G Smith) Gould, NPC 10  
ARIZONA WHEATGRASS

*E. canadensis* L

var *canadensis*, CANADA WILDRYE , NPC 1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9 10  
nodding wildrye

*E. curvatus* ( *E. virginicus*)

*E. elymoides* (= *E. longifolius*)

*E. elongatus* (= *E. ponticus*) IPC 9 10

*E. glabriflorus* ( *E. virginicus*)

*E. hispidus* (P Op12) Melderis, INTERMEDIATE IPC 9 10  
WHEATGRASS CUL

*E. interruptus* ( *E. canadensis*)

*E. junceus* ( *Psathrostachys juncea*)

*E. macgregorii* ( *E. virginicus*)

*E. longifolius* (J G Smith) Gould, LONGLEAF NPC 7 8 9 10  
SQUIRRELTAIL

*E. ponticus* (Podp ) Melderis ,TALL IPC 8 9 CUL  
WHEATGRASS

*E. pringlei* ( *E. canadensis*)

*E. repens* (L ) Gould, QUACKGRASS IPC 9 10

*E. smithii* (Rydb ) Gould, WESTERN NPC 5 7 8 9 10  
WHEATGRASS

*E. spicatus* (Pursh) Gould, BLUEBUNCH NPC 10  
WHEATGRASS

*E. texensis* (? hybrid)

*E. trachycaulus* (Link) Gould ex Shimmers, NPC 8 9 10  
SLENDER WHEATGRASS

*E. triticoides* ( *Leymus triticoides*)

*E. villosus* Muhl ex Willd , DOWNY WILDRYE NPC 6 7

*E. virginicus* L , VIRGINIA WILDRYE NPC 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

## ELYTRIGIA (=ELYMUS)

*E. arizonica* ( *Elymus arizonicus*)*E. intermedia* ( *Elymus hispidus*)*E. pontica* (= *Elymus elongatus*)*E. smithii* ( *Elymus smithii*)*ENNEAPOGON* Desv ex P Beauv , Pappusgrass*E. desvauxii* P Beauv , FEATHER P , spike p ,  
Wright's p NPW 7 8 9 10*ENTEROPOGON* Nees, Umbrellagrass*E. chlorideus* (J Presl) W Clayton, BURYSEED  
U NPW 2 4 6*ERAGROSTIS* Wolf, Lovegrass*E. airoides* Nees, ILLUSIONGRASS IPW 3*E. amabilis* (L ) Wight & Arnolt ex Nees,  
JAPANESE L IAW 1 2*E. arida* ( *E. pectinacea* var *miserrima*)*E. barrelieri* Daveau, MEDITERRANEAN L IAW 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10*E. beyrichii* (= *E. secundiflora*)*E. capillaris* (L ) Nees, LACEGRASS, tiny l NAW 2 3 8*E. cilianensis* (All ) Vignola ex Janchen,  
STINKGRASS IAW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10*E. ciliaris* (L ) R. Br , GOPHERTAIL L NAW 2*E. curtipedicellata* Buckl , GUMMY L ,  
shortstalked l NPW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10*E. curvula* (Schrad.) Nees, WEEPING L IPW 2 3 4 5 7 8 9 10  
CUL*E. diffusa* ( *E. pectinacea* var *pectinacea*)*E. elliotii* S Wats , ELLIOTT L NPW 1 2 3*E. erosa* Scribn , CHIHUAHUA L NPW 7 10*E. glomerata* ( *E. japonica*)*E. hirsuta* (Michx ) Nees, BIGTOP L NPW 1 2 3*E. hypnoides* (Lam ) Britt , TEAL L , smooth  
creeping grass NAW 1 2 3 4 5 7*E. intermedia* A Hitchc NPW 2 3 4 5 6 7 10var *intermedia*, PLAINS L*E. japonica* (Thunb ) Trin , POND L NAW*E. lehmanniana* Nees, LEHMANN L IPW 3 4 5 6 10  
CUL*E. lugens* Nees, MOURNING L NPW 6 7 10*E. megastachya* ( *E. cilianensis*)*E. mexicana* (Hornem ) Link NAW 10  
subsp *mexicana*, MEXICAN L



<i>E. contracta</i> A Hitchc , PRAIRIE C	NAW	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>E. gracilis</i> ( = <i>E. acuminata</i> var. <i>acuminata</i> )										
<i>E. gracilis</i> var <i>minor</i> ( = <i>E. acuminata</i> var. <i>minor</i> )										
<i>E. polystachya</i> Kunth, CARIBBEAN C	IPW		2							
<i>E. pseudoacrotricha</i> (Stapf ex Thell ) J M Blake, VERNAL C	IPW		2				6			
<i>E. punctata</i> (L ) Desv ex Hamilton, LOUISIANA C , everlasting-grass	NPW		2				6			
<i>E. sericea</i> (Scheele) Munro ex Vasey, TEXAS C , silky c	NPW		2		4	5	6	7	8	10
<b>ERIONEURON</b> Nash, Erioneuron, Woollygrass										
<i>E. avenaceum</i> (Kunth) Tateoka, LARGEFLOWERED E	NPW							7		10
<i>E. grandiflora</i> ( = <i>E. avenaceum</i> )										
<i>E. nealleyi</i> (Vasey) Tateoka, NEALLEY'S E	NPW									10
<i>E. pilosum</i> (Buckl ) Nash, HAIRY E , hairy tridens	NPW		2		4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>E. pulchellum</i> ( = <i>Dasyochloa pulchella</i> )										
<b>EUCHLAENA</b> ( <i>ZEA</i> )										
<i>E. perennis</i> ( = <i>Zea perennis</i> )	IPW		2							
<b>EUSTACHYS</b> Desv , Fingergrass										
<i>E. caribea</i> (Spreng ) Herter, CHICKENFOOTGRASS	IPW				3					
<i>E. neglecta</i> (Nash) Nash, FOURSPIKE F	IPW				3					
<i>E. petraea</i> (Sw ) Desv , STIFFLEAF F	NPW		2	3	4					
<i>E. retusa</i> (Lag ) Kunth, F	NPW				3	4				
<b>FESTUCA</b> L , Fescue										
<i>F. arizonica</i> Vasey, ARIZONA F , canuela borreguera	NPC									10
<i>F. arundinacea</i> ( = <i>Schedonorus arundinaceus</i> )										
<i>F. dertonensis</i> ( = <i>Vulpia bromoides</i> )										
<i>F. ligulata</i> Swallen, GUADALUPE F	NPC									10
<i>F. megalura</i> ( = <i>Vulpia myuros</i> var <i>hirsuta</i> )										
<i>F. myuros</i> ( = <i>Vulpia myuros</i> var <i>myuros</i> )										
<i>F. obtusa</i> ( = <i>F. subverticillata</i> )										
<i>F. octoflora</i> ( = <i>Vulpia octoflora</i> var <i>octoflora</i> )										
<i>F. paradoxa</i> Desv , CLUSTER F	NPC	1		3						
<i>F. pratensis</i> ( = <i>Schedonorus arundinaceus</i> )										
<i>F. rubra</i> L , RED F	NPC									10
<i>F. sciurea</i> ( = <i>V. sciurea</i> )										
<i>F. subverticillata</i> (Pers ) E Alexeev, NODDING B	NPC	1	2	3						

<i>F. versuta</i> Beal, TEXAS F	NPC					7		
<i>GASTRIDIDIUM</i> P Beauv								
<i>G. phleoides</i> (Nees & Meyer) C E Hubb , NITGRASS	IAC							10
<i>G. ventricosum</i> ( <i>G. phleoides</i> )								
<i>GLYCERIA</i> R Br , Mannagrass								
<i>G. arkansana</i> ( <i>G. septentrionalis</i> var. <i>arkansana</i> )								
<i>G. declinata</i> Breb , LOW M	IPC	1						
<i>G. grandis</i> S Wats , NOT VERIFIED								
<i>G. notata</i> Chevall , NOT VERIFIED								
<i>G. septentrionalis</i> A Hitchc , EASTERN M , floating m								
var <i>arkansana</i> (Fern ) Steyerm & Kucera, ARKANSAS M	NPC	1						
var <i>septentrionalis</i> , EASTERN M , floating m	NPC	1	2	3				
<i>G. striata</i> (Lam ) A Hitchc , FOWL M , nerved m	NPC			3	4	7		10
<i>GYMNOPOGON</i> P Beauv , Skeletongrass								
<i>G. ambiguus</i> (Michx ) B S P , BEARDED S , broad-leaved beardgrass	NPW	1	2	3		5		
<i>G. brevifolius</i> Trin , SHORTLEAF S	NPW			3				
HACKELOCHLOA ( <i>MNESITHEA</i> )								
<i>H. granularis</i> ( <i>Mnesithea granularis</i> )								
<i>HAINARDIA</i> Greuter								
<i>H. cylindrica</i> (Willd ) W Greuter THINTAIL	IAC		2					
<i>HEMARTHRIA</i> R Br								
<i>H. altissima</i> (Poir ) Stapf & C E Hubb , LIMPOGRASS	IPW		2			6		10
<i>HESPEROSTIPA</i> (Elias) Barkworth, Needlegrass								
<i>H. comata</i> (Trin & Rupr ) M Barkworth, NEEDLE-AND-THREAD	NPW						8	9 10
<i>H. neomexicana</i> (Thurb ) M Barkworth, NEW MEXICO FEATHERGRASS, New Mexico n	NPW						7	8 9 10
<i>HETEROPOGON</i> Pers , Tanglehead								
<i>H. contortus</i> (L ) P Beauv ex Roem & Schult , TANGLEHEAD, retorcido moreno, barba negra	NPW		2			6	7	10

<i>H. melanocarpus</i> (Ell ) Benth , SWEET TANGLEHEAD	IAW	2										CUL
<i>HILARIA</i> Kunth												
<i>H. belangeri</i> (Steud ) Nash, COMMON CURLY- MESQUITE, creeping mesquite	NPW	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
<i>H. jamesii</i> (Torr ) Benth , GALLETA	NPW						8	9	10			
<i>H. mutica</i> (Buckl ) Benth , TOBOSA, tobosagrass	NPW				6	7	8	9	10			
<i>H. swallenii</i> Cory, SWALLEN CURLY - MESQUITE	NPW											10
<i>HOLCUS</i> L												
<i>H. lanatus</i> L , COMMON VELVETGRASS	IPC	1	2									CUL
HOPIA ( <i>PANICUM</i> )												
<i>H. obtusa</i> ( <i>Panicum obtusum</i> )												
<i>HORDEUM</i> L , Barley												
<i>H. jubatum</i> L , FOXTAIL B , squirreltail grass	NPC						7	8	9	10		
<i>H. leporium</i> ( <i>H. murinum</i> subsp <i>leporinum</i> )												
<i>H. murinum</i> L												
subsp <i>glaucum</i> (Steud ) Tzvelev	IAC											10
subsp <i>leporinum</i> , MOUSE B	IAC						7	8	9	10		
<i>H. pusillum</i> Nutt , LITTLE B , mouse b	NAC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
<i>H. vulgare</i> L , BARLEY	IAC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	CUL
HYDROCHLOA ( <i>LUZIOLA</i> )												
<i>H. carolinensis</i> ( <i>Luziola fluitans</i> )												
<i>HYPARRHENIA</i> Andersson ex E Fourm , Thatchingrass												
<i>H. hirta</i> (L ) Stapf, THATCHINGRASS	IPW	2	3	4			7					CUL
<i>H. rufa</i> (L ) Stapf JARAGUAGRASS	IAPW	2	3									CUL
<i>IMPERATA</i> Cirillo												
<i>I. brevifolia</i> Vasey, SATINTAIL, congograss	NPW						7					10
<i>I. cylindrica</i> (L ) Raeusch , CONGONGRASS	IPW	2	3									CUL
<i>KOELERIA</i> Pers , Junegrass												
<i>K. cristata</i> ( <i>K. macrantha</i> )												
<i>K. gerardii</i> ( <i>Rostraria cristata</i> )												
<i>K. macrantha</i> (Ledeb ) Schult , JUNEGRASS, prairie junegrass	NPC						7	8	9	10		
<i>K. phleoides</i> ( <i>Rostraria cristata</i> )												
<i>K. pyramidata</i> ( <i>K. macrantha</i> )												



*LAMARCKIA* Moench*L. aurea* (L.) Moench, GOLDENTOP IAC*LEERSIA* Sw., Cutgrass

*L. hexandra* Sw., CLUBHEAD C NPW 2 6  
*L. lenticularis* Michx., CATCHFLYGRASS NPW 1 2  
*L. monandra* Sw., BUNCH C NPW 2 6  
*L. oryzoides* (L.) Sw., RICE C NPW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 10  
*L. virginica* Willd., WHITEGRASS, Virginia c NPW 1 2 3 4

*LEPTOCHLOA* P. Beauv., Sprangletop

*L. chloridiformis* (Hack.) Parodi, ARGENTINE S NPW 2  
*L. dubia* (Kunth) Nees, GREEN S, Texas crowfoot NPW 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
*L. fascicularis* (= *L. fusca* subsp. *fascicularis*)  
*L. filiformis* (= *L. panicea* subsp. *mucronata*)  
*L. fusca* (L.) Kunth  
    subsp. *fascicularis* (Lam.) N. Snow, BEARDED S NAW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
    subsp. *uninervia* (J. Presl) N. Snow, MEXICAN S NAW 2 3 5 6 7  
*L. panicea* (Retz.) Ohwi subsp. *mucronata* (Michx.) Nowack, RED S, slendergrass NAW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
*L. nealleyi* Vasey, NEALLEY S NAW 2 6  
*L. panicoides* (J. Presl) A. Hitchc., AMAZON S NAW 1 2  
*L. scabra* Nees, ROUGH S IAW 2  
*L. uninervia* (= *L. fusca* subsp. *uninervia*)  
*L. virgata* (L.) P. Beauv., TROPIC S NPW 2 6 7  
*L. viscida* (Scribn.) Beal, STICKY S NAW 10

*LEPTOLOMA* (= *DIGITARIA*)

*L. arenicola* (= *Digitaria arenicola*)  
*L. cognatum* var. *arenicola* (= *Digitaria arenicola*)  
*L. cognatum* (= *Digitaria cognatum* subsp. *cognatum*)

*LEYMUS* Hochst., Wildrye*L. triticoides* (Buckl.) Pilger, CREEPING W., beardless w NPC 8 10 CUL*LEPTURUS* (= *PARAPHOLIS*)*L. incurvus* (= *Parapholis incurvus*)*LIMNODEA* L. H. Dewey



*MICROSTEGIUM* Nees

*M. vimineum* (Trin ) A Camas, NEPALESE  
BROWNTOP IAW 1

*MISCANTHUS* Anderss

*M. sinensis* Anderss , EULALIA, Silvergrass IPW CUL

*MNESITHEA* Kunth, Jomttail

*M. cylindrica* (Michx ) Koning & Sosef,  
CAROLINA J NPW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

*M. granularis* (L ) Koning & Sosef,  
PITSCALEGRASS IAW

*M. rugosa* (Michx ) Koning & Sosef, WRINKLED  
J NPW 1 2

*MONANTHOCHLOË* Engelm

*M. littoralis* Engelm , SHOREGRASS,  
dwarfstand saltgrass, keygrass NPW 2

MONERMA ( *HAINARDIA* )

*M. cylindrica* ( *Hainardia cylindrica* )

MOOROCHLOA ( *BRACHIARIA* )

*M. eruciformis* ( *Brachiaria eruciformis* ) Shaw et  
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*MUHLENBERGIA* Schreb , Muhly

*M. andina* (Nutt ) A Hitchc , FOXTAIL M NPW 10

*M. arenacea* (Buckl ) A Hitchc , EAR M , sand m NPW 7 9 10

*M. arenicola* Buckl , SAND M NPW 7 8 9 10

*M. asperifolia* (Trin ) Parodi, SCRATCHGRASS,  
alkali m , rough-leaved dropseed, rough-leaved  
m NPW 7 8 9 10

*M. brevis* C O Gooding, SHORT M NAW 10

*M. bushii* R. W Pohl, NODDING M NPW 4

*M. capillaris* (Lam ) Trin , HAIRYAWN M ,  
long-awned hairgrass, slender m NPW 1 2 3

*M. crispiseta* A Hitchc , MEXICAN M IAW 10

*M. cuspidata* (Torr ) Rydb , PLAINS M NPW 9

*M. depauperata* Scribn , SIXWEEKS M NAW 10

*M. diversiglumis* Trin IAW 2

*M. dubia* E Fourn , PINE M NPW 10

*M. eludens* C Reeder, GRAVELBAR M NAW 10

*M. emersleyi* Vasey, BULLGRASS, bluegrass NPW 7 10

*M. expansa* (Poir ) Trin , CUTOVER M NPW 1 2

*M. filiformis* (Thurb ex S Wats ) Rydb , PULL-UP  
M IAW 3





<i>P. anceps</i> Michx., BEAKED P	NPW	1	2	3	4		7			
<i>P. angustifolium</i> (= <i>Dichantheium aciculare</i> )										
<i>P. antidotale</i> Retz., BLUE P	IPW		2	3	4		6	7	8	9
<i>P. arizonicum</i> (= <i>Urochloa arizonica</i> )										
<i>P. bergii</i> Arechav	IPW		2	3	4					
<i>P. brachyanthum</i> Steud., PIMPLE P	NPW	1	2	3						
<i>P. brizanthum</i> (= <i>Urochloa brizantha</i> )										
<i>P. bulbosum</i> Kunth, BULB P	NPW						7			10
<i>P. capillare</i> L., COMMON WITCHGRASS	NAW	1	2	3	4	5		7	8	9
<i>P. capillarioides</i> Vasey, SOUTHERN WITCHGRASS, slender panicgrass	NPW		2				6			
<i>P. ciliatissimum</i> (= <i>Urochloa ciliatissima</i> )										
<i>P. clandestinum</i> (= <i>Dichantheium clandestinum</i> )										
<i>P. coloratum</i> L., KLEINGRASS	IPW			3	4	5		7		CUL
<i>P. commutatum</i> (= <i>Dichantheium commutatum</i> )										
<i>P. condensum</i> (= <i>P. rigidulum</i> )										
<i>P. depauperatum</i> (= <i>Dichantheium depauperatum</i> )										
<i>P. dichotomum</i> (= <i>Dichantheium dichotomum</i> var <i>dichotomum</i> )										
<i>P. dichotomiflorum</i> Michx., FALL P, spreading witchgrass	NAW	1	2	3	4		7		9	
<i>P. diffusum</i> Sw., SPREADING P	NPW		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10
<i>P. ensifolium</i> (= <i>Dichantheium ensifolium</i> )										
<i>P. fasciculatum</i> (= <i>Urochloa fasciculata</i> )										
<i>P. filipes</i> (= <i>P. hallii</i> var. <i>filipes</i> )										
<i>P. firmulum</i> (= <i>Setaria reverchonii</i> subsp. <i>firmula</i> )										
<i>P. flexile</i> (Gatt.) Scribn. in Kearney, WIRY WITCHGRASS	NAW			3	4					
<i>P. geminatum</i> (= <i>Paspalidium geminatum</i> )										
<i>P. ghiesbreghtii</i> E. Fourn., GHIESBREGHT P	NPW		2				6			
<i>P. gymnocarpon</i> Ell., SAVANNAH P	NPW	1	2	3						
<i>P. hallii</i> Vasey										
var <i>filipes</i> (Scribn.) Waller, FILLY P	NPW		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10
var <i>hallii</i> , HALLS P	NPW		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>P. havardii</i> Vasey, HARVARD P	NPW						7		9	10
<i>P. helleri</i> (= <i>Dichantheium oligosanthos</i> var <i>scribnerianum</i> )										
<i>P. hemitomon</i> Schult., MAIDENCANE, Simpson's grass	NPW	1	2	3						
<i>P. hians</i> Ell., GAPING P	NPW	1	2	3	4		6	7		
<i>P. hillmanii</i> Chase, HILLMAN P	NAW					5			8	9
<i>P. hirsutum</i> Sw., HAIRY WITCHGRASS, giant witchgrass, hairy p	NPW		2				6			



<i>sphaerocarpon</i>										
var <i>sphaerocarpon</i> )										
<i>P. tenerum</i> Beyr ex Trin	NPW	1	2							
<i>P. tennesseense</i> ( <i>Dichantheium acuminatum</i> var <i>acuminatum</i> )										
<i>P. texanum</i> ( <i>Urochloa texana</i> )										
<i>P. trichoides</i> Sw	NAW		2							
<i>P. verrucosum</i> Muhl , WARTY P	NAW	1	2	3				7		
<i>P. villosissima</i> ( <i>Dichantheium acuminatum</i> var <i>villosum</i> )										
<i>P. virgatum</i> L , SWITCHGRASS	NPW	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 10
<i>P. wernerii</i> ( <i>Dichantheium linearifolium</i> )										
<i>P. xalapense</i> ( <i>Dichantheium laxiflorum</i> )										
<b>PAPPOPHORUM</b> Schreb , Pappusgrass										
<i>P. bicolor</i> E Fourn , PINK P , two-colored p	NPW		2				6	7	8	10
<i>P. vaginatum</i> Buckl , WHIPLASH P , mucronulate p	NPW		2				6	7		10
<i>P. wrightii</i> ( <i>Enneapogon desvauxii</i> )										
<b>PARAPHOLIS</b> C E Hubb										
<i>P. incurva</i> (L ) C E Hubb , SICKLEGRASS	IAC		2							
<b>PASCOPYRUM</b> ( <i>ELYMUS</i> )										
<i>P. smithii</i> ( <i>E. smithii</i> )										
<b>PASPALIDIUM</b> Stapf										
<i>P. geminatum</i> (Forssk ) Stapf, EGYPTIAN PASPALIDIUM	IPW	1	2	3			5	6		
<b>PASPALUM</b> L , Paspalum										
<i>P. acuminatum</i> Raddi, BROOK P	NPW	1	2	3			5	6		
<i>P. alnum</i> M A Chase, COMBS P	NPW	1	2							
<i>P. bifidum</i> (Bertol ) Nash, PITCHFORK P	NPW	1	2	3						
<i>P. boscianum</i> Flugge, BULL P	NPW	1	2							
<i>P. circulare</i> ( <i>P. laeve</i> var. <i>circulare</i> )										
<i>P. conjugatum</i> P J Bergius, SOUR P	NPW		2							
<i>P. conspersum</i> Schrad , SCATTERED P	IPW		2							
<i>P. convexum</i> Humb & Bonpl ex Flugge, MEXICAN P	NPW	1								
<i>P. dilatatum</i> Poir , DALLISGRASS, paspalum grass	IPW	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 10
<i>P. dissectum</i> (L ) L , MUDBANK P	NPW	1	2	3						



<i>P. distichum</i> L., KNOTGRASS, jointgrass, Ft Thompsongrass	NPW	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>P. floridanum</i> Michx, FLORIDA P., big Florida p., big p.	NPW	1	2	3	4	5	7			
<i>P. fluitans</i> (Ell.) Kunth, WATER P	NAW	1	2	3						
<i>P. hartwegianum</i> E Fourn., HARTWEG P	NPW		2				6	7		
<i>P. hydrophilum</i> ( <i>P. modestum</i> )										
<i>P. intermedium</i> Munro ex Morong & Britt., INTERMEDIATE P	IPW									
<i>P. laeve</i> Michx., ROUND-SEED P., field p smooth p	NPW	1	2	3						
<i>P. laeve</i> var <i>circularis</i> ( <i>P. laeve</i> )										
<i>P. laeve</i> var <i>pilosum</i> (= <i>P. laeve</i> )										
<i>P. langei</i> (E Fourn.) Nash, RUSTYSEED P., Lange's p	NPW	1	2	3			6			
<i>P. lentiferum</i> ( <i>P. praecox</i> )										
<i>P. lividum</i> Trin ex Schltal., LONGTOM, pull- and- be- damned	NPW	1	2				6			
<i>P. longipilum</i> ( <i>P. laeve</i> var. <i>pilosum</i> )										
<i>P. malacophyllum</i> Trin., RIBBED P	IPW			3						
<i>P. minus</i> E Fourn., MAT P	NPW	1	2				6			
<i>P. modestum</i> Mez, WATER P	IPW		2							
<i>P. monostachyum</i> Vasey, GULFDUNE P, single- spike p	NPW		2				6			
<i>P. notatum</i> Flugge, BAHIAGRASS	IPW	1	2	3	4	5	7			
<i>P. paspalodes</i> ( <i>P. distichum</i> )										
<i>P. plicatulum</i> Michx., BROWNSEED P., plaited p	NPW	1	2	3	4		6	7		
<i>P. praecox</i> Walt., EARLY P	NPW	1	2	3						
<i>P. pubiflorum</i> Rupr ex E Fourn., HAIRYSEED P, smoothseed p., hairyflowered p	NPW	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10
<i>P. pubiflorum</i> var <i>glabrum</i> ( <i>P. pubiflorum</i> )										
<i>P. repens</i> ( <i>P. fluitans</i> )										
<i>P. scrobiculatum</i> L., INDIA P	IPW			3						
<i>P. separatum</i> Shinnars	NPW			3						
<i>P. setaceum</i> Michx										
var <i>ciliatifolium</i> (Michx.) Vasey, FRINGELEAF P	NPW	1	2	3						
var <i>muhlenbergii</i> (Nash) D Banks	NPW	1	2	3	4	5	7			
var <i>setaceum</i> , THIN P	NPW	1					7			
var <i>stramineum</i> (Nash) D Banks	NPW	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>P. stramineum</i> ( <i>P. setaceum</i> var. <i>stramineum</i> )										
<i>P. texanum</i> ( <i>P. plicatulum</i> )										
<i>P. unispicatum</i> (Scribn & Merr.) Nash, ONESPIKE P	NPW		2				6			
<i>P. urvillei</i> Steud., VASEYGRASS, Urville's p	IPW	1	2	3	4	5	7			

<i>P. vaginatum</i> Sw , SEASHORE P , sand knotgrass	NPW	2									
<i>P. virgatum</i> L , TALQUEZAL	NPW					6					
<i>P. wrightii</i> A Hitchc , WRIGHT'S P	IPW	2									
<b>PENNISETUM</b> Rich , Fountaingrass											
<i>P. alopecuroides</i> (L ) Spreng , FOXTAIL F	IPW		3							CUL	
<i>P. ciliare</i> (L ) Link , BUFFELGRASS	IPW	2	3	4		6	7			10 CUL	
<i>P. flaccidum</i> Griseb , HIMALAYAN F										CUL	
<i>P. glaucum</i> (L ) R. Br , PEARL MILLET	IAW	2	3							CUL	
<i>P. macrostachys</i> (Brongn ) Trin , PURPLE F	IAW									CUL	
<i>P. nervosum</i> (Nees) Trin , BENTSPIKE P	IPW	2				6				CUL	
<i>P. orientale</i> Willd ex Rich , LAURISAGRASS	IPW	2	3							CUL	
<i>P. polystachion</i> (L ) Schult , MISSIONGRASS	IAPW									CUL	
<i>P. purpureum</i> Schumach , NAPIERGRASS, elephantgrass	IPW	2	3							CUL	
<i>P. setaceum</i> (Forssk ) Chiov , F	IPW	2	3							CUL	
<i>P. setigerum</i> (Vahl) Wipff, BIRDWOODGRASS	IPW					6	7			CUL	
<i>P. villosum</i> R. Br ex Fresen , FEATHERTOP	IPW		3				7			10 CUL	
<b>PHALARIS</b> L , Canarygrass											
<i>P. angusta</i> Nees ex Trin , TIMOTHY C	NAC	1	2	3		6	7			10	
<i>P. aquatica</i> L , HARDINGGRASS	IPC						7			10 CUL	
<i>P. arundinacea</i> L , REED C	NPC						8				
<i>P. brachystachys</i> Link , SHORTSPIKE C	IAC					6					
<i>P. canariensis</i> L , C	IAC	1	2	3			7				
<i>P. caroliniana</i> Walt , CAROLINA C , southern c	NAC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 CUL
<i>P. minor</i> Retz , LITTLESEED C	IAC		2								
<i>P. stenoptera</i> (= <i>P. aquatica</i> )											
<b>PHLEUM</b> L											
<i>P. pratense</i> L , TIMOTHY	IPC	1		3							CUL
<b>PHRAGMITES</b> Adans											
<i>P. australis</i> (Cav ) Trin ex Steud , COMMON REED	NPW	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

*P. communis* (= *P. australis*)

**PHYLLOSTACHYS** Sieb & Zucc

<i>P. aurea</i> A & C Riv , GOLDEN BAMBOO	IPC	3	7										CUL
<i>P. aurosulcata</i> , NOT VERIFIED	IPC												CUL
<i>P. nigra</i> , NOT VERIFIED	IPC												CUL

**PIPTANTHERA** (= **ORYZOPSIS**)

*P. micranthum* (= *Oryzopsis micrantha*)

**PIPTOCHAETIUM** J Presl, Needlegrass

<i>P. avenaceum</i> (L ) Parodi BLACKSEED N , black oatgrass, oats n	NPC	1	2	3									
<i>P. fimbriatum</i> (Kunth) A Hitchc , PINYON RICEGRASS	NPW												10
<i>P. pringlei</i> (Scribn ) Parodi, PRINGLE N	NPW												10

**PLEURAPHIS** (= **HILARIA**)

*P. jamesii* (= *Hilaria jamesii*)

*P. muticus* (= *Hilaria muticus*)

**POA** L , Bluegrass

<i>P. annua</i> L , ANNUAL B , low speargrass, dwarf meadowgrass	IAC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
<i>P. arachnifera</i> Torr , TEXAS B	NPC	1	2	3	4	5		7	8				
<i>P. arida</i> Vasey, PLAINS B	NPC										9		
<i>P. autumnalis</i> Muhl ex Ell , AUTUMN B , flexuous speargrass	NPC	1	2	3									
<i>P. bigelovii</i> (Vasey) Scribn , BIGELOW B	NAC							7	8	9	10		
<i>P. bulbosa</i> L , BULBOUS B	IPC					5							
<i>P. chapmaniana</i> Scribn , CHAPMANN B	NAC	1			4	5							
<i>P. compressa</i> L , CANADA B	IPC					5	6			9	10		
<i>P. fendleriana</i> (Steud ) Vasey, MUTTONGRASS, mutton b , fendler b	NPC												10
<i>P. interior</i> Rydb , INLAND B	NPC												10
<i>P. occidentalis</i> Vasey, NEW MEXICAN B	NPC												10
<i>P. pratensis</i> L , KENTUCKY B , junegrass	N/IPC	1				5				9	10		
<i>P. strictiramea</i> A Hitchc , CHISOS B	NPC												10
<i>P. sylvestris</i> Gray, WOODLAND B , Sylvan speargrass	NPC	1											
<i>P. trivialis</i> L , ROUGH B	IPC						6						CUL

*POLYPOGON* Desf., Polypogon, Beardgrass

<i>P. elongatus</i> Kunth, SOUTHERN B	NPC										10
<i>P. interruptus</i> H B K., DITCH B	IPC						7				
<i>P. monspeliensis</i> (L.) Desf., RABBITFOOT P., annual beardgrass, rabbitfoot-grass	IAC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>P. semiverticillatus</i> (= <i>P. viridis</i> )											
<i>P. viridis</i> (A. Gouan) M. Breistroffer, WATER BENTGRASS	IPC				4	5	6	7	8		10

*PSATHYROSTACHYS* Nevski, Wildrye

<i>P. juncea</i> (Fischer) Nevski, RUSSIAN W	IPC										10 CUL
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## PSEUDOROEGRERIA (=ELYMUS)

<i>P. arizonica</i> (= <i>Elymus arizoncus</i> )											
<i>P. spicata</i> (= <i>Elymus spicatus</i> )											

*PUCCINELLIA* Parl., Alkali-grass

<i>P. fasciculata</i> (Torr.) E. Bickn., SALTMARSH A	IPC								8		
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*REDFIELDIA* Vasey

<i>R. flexuosa</i> (Thurb. ex A. Gray) Vasey, BLOWOUT GRASS	NPW										9
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## RHYNCHELYTRUM (= MELINIS)

<i>R. repens</i> (= <i>Melinis repens</i> )											
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*ROSTRARIA* Trin

<i>R. cristata</i> (L.) Tzvelev, ANNUAL JUNEGRASS	IAC		2	3							
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*ROTTBOELLIA* L.f.

<i>R. cochinchinensis</i> (Lour.) W. Clayton, ITCHGRASS	IAW		2								
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*SACCHARUM* L., Plumegrass

<i>S. alopecuroides</i> (L.) Nutt., SILVER P	NPW	1	2								
<i>S. baldwinii</i> Spreng., NARROW P	NPW	1	2								
<i>S. bengalense</i> Retz., TALL P	IPW										CUL
<i>S. brevibarbe</i> (Michx.) Pers											
var <i>brevibarbe</i> , SHORTBEARD P	NPW	1	2								
var <i>contortum</i> (Ell.) R. D. Webster, BENTAWN P	NPW	1	2	3							



SCLEROPOA ( *DESMAZERIA*)

*S rigida* ( *D. rigida*)

*SCLEROPOGON* Philippi

*S. brevifolius* Philippi, BURROGRASS NPW 8 9 10

*SECALE* L , Rye

*S. cereale* L , RYE IAC 2 3 4 5 7 8 9 10  
CUL

*SETARIA* P Beauv , Bristlegrass, Millet

*S. adhaerans* (Forssk ) Chiov , TROPICAL BARBED B IAC 2 3

*S. corrugata* (Ell ) Schult , COASTAL B NPW 1 2

*S firmula* ( *S. reverchonii* subsp *firmula*)

*S geniculata* ( *S. parviflora*)

*S glauca* ( *S. pumila*)

*S. griesbachii* E Fourn , GRIESBACH B NAW 6 7 10

*S. italica* (L ) P Beauv , FOXTAIL M, Italian m IAW 4 7 8  
CUL

*S. leucopila* (Scribn & Merr ) K Schum , PLAINS B NPW 2 5 6 7 8 9 10

*S lutescens* ( *S. pumila*)

*S. macrostachya* Kunth, PLAINS B NPW 2 6 7

*S. magna* Griseb , GIANT B , giant foxtail grass NAW 2

*S. palmifolia* (J Konig) Stapf, PALMGRASS IPW 2

*S. parviflora* (Poir ) Kerguel , KNOTROOT B NPW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
CUL

*S. pumila* (Poir ) Roem & Schult , YELLOW B IAW 1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9 10

*S. reverchonii* (Vasey) Pilger

subsp *firmula* (A Hitchc & Chase) W E Fox, KNOTGRASS NPW 2 6

subsp *ramiseta* (Scribn ) W E Fox, RIO GRAND BRISTLEGRASS NPW 2 5 6 7 8

subsp *reverchonii*, REVERCHON B NPW 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10

*S. scheelei* (Steud ) A Hitchc , SOUTHWESTERN B , Scheele's b NPW 2 4 6 7 8 9 10

*S. texana* Emery, TEXAS B NPW 6 7 10

*S. verticillata* (L ) P Beauv , HOOKED B , bur b , foxtail grass IAW 3 4 5 6 7 10

*S. villosissima* (Scribn & Merr ) K Schum , HAIRYLEAF B NPW 6 7 10

*S. viridis* (L ) P Beauv , GREEN B , green foxtail grass IAW 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

## SITANION (=ELYMUS)

*S. hystrix* (=E. *longifolius*)

## SORGHASTRUM Nash, Indiangrass

*S. avenaceum* ( *S. nutans*)*S. elliotii* (C. Mohr) Nash, SLENDER I., long-bristled 1 NPW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10*S. nutans* (L.) Nash, YELLOW I., indianreed NPW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

## SORGHUM Moench, Sorghum

*S. bicolor* (L.) Moench, GRAIN S IAW 2 3 4 6 7*S. x drummondii* (Steud.) Mills & M. A. Chase, SUDANSGRASS IAW 3 4 5 7 8 CUL 10 CUL*S. halepense* (L.) Pers., JOHNSONGRASS IPW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10*S. sudanense* ( *S. x drummondii*)*S. vulgare* ( *S. bicolor*)

## SPARTINA Schreb., Cordgrass

*S. alterniflora* Loisel var *glabra* (Muhl.) Fern., SMOOTH C., salt-marshgrass NPW 2*S. bakeri* Merr., SAND C. NPW 2*S. cynosuroides* (L.) Roth., BIG C., salt-reedgrass NPW 2*S. juncea* ( *S. patens*)*S. densiflora* Brongn., DENSEFLOWERED C. IPW 7*S. patens* (Ait.) Muhl., MARSHHAY C., rush saltgrass NPW 2*S. pectinata* Link., PRAIRIE C., tall marshgrass, sloughgrass NPW 2 4 5 7 8 9*S. spartinae* (Trin.) Merr. ex A. Hitchc., GULF C., coastal sacahuista, sacahuista NPW 2 3 6 7

## SPHENOPHOLIS Scribn., Wedgescale

*S. filiformis* (Chapm.) Scribn., LONGLEAF W. NPC 1*S. intermedia* ( *S. obtusa* var. *major*)*S. interrupta* (Buckl.) Scribn., PRAIRIE W. IAC 1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9 10*S. longiflora* (Vasey ex L. H. Dewey) A. Hitchc., BAYOU W. NAC 1 2 3*S. nitida* (Biehl.) Scribn., SHINY W. NPW 1 7*S. obtusata* (Michx.) Scribn., PRAIRIE W. NAC 1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9 10

## SPOROBOLUS R. Br., Dropseed

*S. airoides* (Torr.) Torr., ALKALI SACATON NPW 2 6 7 8 9 10*S. airoides* var. *wrightii* ( *S. wrightii*)





<i>S. texanus</i> Vasey, TEXAS D	NPW							8	9	10
<i>S. tharpii</i> _A Hitchc , PADRE ISLAND D	NPW	2				6				
<i>S. vaginiflorus</i> (Torr ex A Gray) Torr ex A Wood										
var <i>ozarkanus</i> (Fern ) Shimmers, OZARK D	NAW			4	5		7			
var <i>vaginiflorus</i> , POVERTY D , southern povertygrass	NAW	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	
<i>S. virginicus</i> (L ) Kunth, SEASHORE D , seashore rushgrass	NPW	2								
<i>S. wrightii</i> Munro ex Scribn , BIG SACATON, Wright's sacaton	NPW						6	7		10
<b>STEINCHISMA ( PANICUM)</b>										
<i>S. hians</i> ( <i>Panicum hians</i> )										
<b>STENOTAPHRUM Trin</b>										
<i>S. secundatum</i> (Walt.) O Ktze , ST AUGUSTINEGRASS	IPW	1	2	3	4		6	7		CUL
<b>STIPA L , Needlegrass</b>										
<i>S. arida</i> M E Jones, MORMON N , desert n	NPW									10
<i>S. avenacea</i> ( <i>Piptochaetium avenaceum</i> )										
<i>S. clandestina</i> Hack , SHARPLEAF N , mexican n	IPW							7		
<i>S. columbiana</i> ( <i>S. perplexa</i> )										
<i>S. comata</i> ( <i>Hesperostipa comata</i> )										
<i>S. curvifolia</i> Swallen, GUADALUPE N	NPC									10
<i>S. eminens</i> Cav , SOUTHWESTERN N , tall n	NPC									10
<i>S. hymenoides</i> Roem & Schult , INDIAN RICEGRASS	NPC								9	10
<i>S. leucotricha</i> ( <i>Nassella leucotricha</i> )										
<i>S. lobata</i> Swallen, LITTLEAWN N , lobed n	NPC								9	10
<i>S. nelsonii</i> ( <i>S. perplexa</i> )										
<i>S. neomexicana</i> ( <i>Hesperostipa neomexicana</i> )										
<i>S. perplexa</i> (P Hoge & M Barkworth) Wipff & Jones, COLUMBIA N , alpine n	NPC							7		10
<i>S. pringlei</i> ( <i>Piptochaetium pringlei</i> )										
<i>S. robusta</i> (Vasey) Scribn , SLEEPYGRASS	NPC								9	10
<i>S. tenuissima</i> ( <i>Nassella tenuissima</i> )										
<i>S. scribneri</i> Vasey, SCRIBNER'S N	NPC									10
<b>THEMEDA Forrsk</b>										
<i>T. triandra</i> Forrsk , RED OATGRASS	IPW							7		CUL

THINOPYRUM (=*ELYMUS*)T hispidum (=*Elymus hispidus*)T ponticum (=*Elymus ponticum*)*TRACHYPOGON* NeesT. *secundus* (J Presl) Scribn., CRINKLEAWN NPW 2 6 10T. montufarii of Hitchcock's Manual Of U S  
Grasses, ed I (=T. *secundus*)*TRAGUS* Haller, BurgrassT. *berteronianus* Schult., SPIKE B., prickleg  
grass, goatgrass IAW 2 6 7 10TRICHACNE (=*DIGITARIA*)T. californica (=*Digitaria californica*)T. hitchcockii (=*Digitaria hitchcockii*)T. insularis (=*Digitaria insularis*)T. patens (=*Digitaria patens*)*TRICHLORIS* E. Fourn. ex Benth., RhodesgrassT. *crinata* (Lag.) Parodi, FALSE R., multiflowered  
chloris NPW 7 10T. *pluriflora* E. Fourn., MULTIFLOWERED  
FALSE R., four-flowered chloris NPW 2 6*TRICHONEURA* AndersT. *elegans* Swallen, SILVEUSGRASS, hairy-  
nerve grass NAW 2 6*TRIDENS* Roem. & Schult., TridensT. *albescens* (Vasey) Woot. & Standl., WHITE T NPW 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10T. *ambiguus* (Ell.) Schult., PINEBARREN T NPW 1 2T. avenaceus (=*Erioneuron avenaceum* var  
*avenaceum*)T. *buckleyanus* (L. H. Dewey) Nash, BUCKLEY  
T NPW 7T. *congestus* (L. H. Dewey) Nash, PINK T NPW 2 4T. *eragrostoides* (Vasey & Scribn.) Nash,  
OVEGRASS T NPW 2 6 7 10T. *flavus* (L.) A. Hitchcvar *chapmanii* (Small) Shinn.  
CHAPMAN T NPW 1var *flavus*, PURPLETOP, redtop NPW 1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9T. grandiflora (=*Erioneuron avenaceum* var  
*grandiflorum*)



<i>U. brizantha</i> (Hochst ex A. Rich) R. D. Webster, PALISADE SIGNALGRASS	IPW										6
<i>U. ciliatissima</i> (Buckl.) R. D. Webster, S	NPW	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>U. fusca</i> (O. Swartz) B. Hansen & Wunderlin, BROWNTOP S, fieldgrass, browntop	NAW		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>U. maxima</i> (Jacq.) R. D. Webster, GIUNEAGRASS	IPW		2								6
<i>U. mosambicensis</i> (Hack.) Dandy, MOSAMBIC S	IPW		2								
<i>U. mutica</i> (Forssk.) T. Q. Nguyen, PARAGRASS	IPW		2								6
<i>U. panicoides</i> P. Beauv., LIVERSEED GRASS	IAW		2								6
<i>U. plantaginea</i> (Link.) R. D. Webster, PLANTAIN	IAW										
<i>U. platyphylla</i> (Munro ex C. Wright) R. D. Webster, BROADLEAF S	NAW	1	2	3	4			6	7		
<i>U. subquadrifera</i> (Trin.) A. Hitchc., TROPICAL S	IACW										6
<i>U. ramosa</i> (L.) T. Q. Nguyen, BROWNTOP MILLETT	IAW		2	3	4	5					
<i>U. reptans</i> (L.) Stapf, SPRAWLING S	IAW	1	2	3	4						6
<i>U. texana</i> (Buckl.) R. D. Webster, TEXAS S, Texas millet, Colorado grass	NAW	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>VASEYOCHLOA</b> A. Hitchc.											
<i>V. multinervosa</i> (Vasey) A. Hitchc., TEXASGRASS	NPW		2								6
<b>VETIVERIA</b> (= <i>CHRYSOPOGON</i> )											
<i>V. zizanioides</i> (= <i>Chrysopogon zizanioides</i> )											
<b>VULPIA</b> C. Gmel., Sixweeksgrass											
<i>V. bromoides</i> (L.) S. F. Gray, BROME S	IAC	1		3							
<i>V. myuros</i> (L.) K. C. Gmel., RATTAIL S	IAC	1		3	4						7
<i>V. octoflora</i> (Walt.) Rydb., SIXWEEKSGRASS											
var <i>glauca</i> (Nutt.) Fern	NAC	1		3	4	5			7	8	
var <i>hirtella</i> (Piper) Henr., HAIR S	NAC	1	2	3	4	5			7	8	9 10
var <i>octoflora</i> , COMMON S	NAC	1	2	3	4				7		
<i>V. sciurea</i> (Nutt.) Henr., SQUIRREL S	NAC	1		3	4	5					7
<b>WILLKOMMIA</b> Hack											
<i>W. texana</i> A. Hitchc.											
var <i>texana</i> , TEXAS WILLKOMMIA	NPC		2	3							

*ZEAL* L., Corn*Z. mays* L., CORNIAW 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
CUL*Z. perennis* (A Hitchc ) Reeves & Mangeld ,  
TEOSINTEIPW 2  
CUL*ZIZANIA* L., Wildrice*Z. texana* A Hitchc , TEXAS W

NPW 7

*ZIZANIOPSIS* Doell & Aschers*Z. miliacea* (Michx ) Doell & Aschers ,  
MARSHMILLET, water millet, giant cutgrass,  
southern wildrice

NPW 1 2 3 4 6 7

*ZOYSIA* Willd., Zoysiagrass*Z. japonica* Steud., JAPANESE LAWNGRASS,  
z, Korean lawngrassIPW  
CUL*Z. matrella* (L ) Merr , MANILAGRASSIPW  
CUL*Z. pacifica* (Goudswaard) M. Hotta & Kuroi,  
KOREAN VELVETGRASS, mascarenegraIPW  
CUL*ZULOAGAEA* ( *Panicum* in part)*Z. bulbosa* ( *Panicum bulbosum*)

GRASSES OF TEXAS  
**GENERIC KEY TO GROUPS OR SELECTED GENERA**

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|--------|---|----------------------|
| 1      | Culms woody (bamboo), perennial, flowering irregularly (not every year)   | <b>2</b>             |
| 1      | Culms herbaceous, annual (somewhat woody in <i>Arundo</i> ), flowering yearly or more frequently  | <b>3</b>             |
| 2(1)   | Primary culms internodes cylindrical, primary culm branches 1, pseudopetioles usually less than 2 mm long                                     | <i>Arundinaria</i>   |
| 2      | Primary culms internodes strongly flattened on 1 side (D-shaped), primary culm branches typically 2, pseudopetiole usually 2-3 mm long        | <i>Phyllostachys</i> |
| 3(1)   | Leaf blades less than 1 cm long, leaves in fascicles, spikelets unisexual, inconspicuous in axils of fascicled leaves                         | <i>Monanthochloë</i> |
| 3      | Leaf blades more than 1 cm long, leaves not in fascicles, spikelets perfect or unisexual, usually conspicuous                                 | <b>4</b>             |
| 4(3)   | Second glumes with 5 rows of hooked spines on abaxial surface   | <i>Tragus</i>        |
| 4      | Second glumes without hooked spines on abaxial surface  | <b>5</b>             |
| 5(4)   | Spikelets with unisexual florets only, staminate and pistillate spikelets conspicuously different   | <b>Group A</b>       |
| 5      | Spikelets at least some with one or more perfect florets, if unisexual, then staminate and pistillate spikelets not conspicuously different   | <b>6</b>             |
| 6(5)   | Florets 1 per spikelet  | <b>7</b>             |
| 6      | Florets 2 or more per spikelet on at least some spikelets   | <b>9</b>             |
| 7(6)   | Inflorescence a spike or spicate raceme or raceme ( <i>Aristida oligantha</i> )   | <b>Group B</b>       |
| 7      | Inflorescence a panicle, some panicles spicate (depauperate specimens may be reduced to a raceme, e.g. some <i>Bromus</i> and <i>Vulpia</i> ) | <b>8</b>             |
| 8(7)   | Panicles open, contracted, or with racemose branches, but without spicate primary unilateral branches   | <b>Group C</b>       |
| 8      | Panicles with spicate primary unilateral branches   | <b>Group D</b>       |
| 9(6)   | Reduced florets below perfect florets (both above and below in <i>Uniola</i> , <i>Chasmanthium</i> , <i>Phragmites</i> , and <i>tenium</i> )  | <b>10</b>            |
| 9      | Reduced florets above perfect floret or all florets perfect   | <b>17</b>            |
| 10(9)  | Reduced florets both above and below fertile florets  | <b>11</b>            |
| 10     | Reduced florets below fertile floret, or both florets reduced staminate   | <b>14</b>            |
| 11(10) | Second glumes dorsally awned  | <i>Ctenium</i>       |
| 11     | Second glumes awnless or rarely mucronate from apex   | <b>12</b>            |
| 12(11) | Plants 1-4 m tall, inflorescences plumose   | <i>Phragmites</i>    |
| 12     | Plants about 1-2.5 m tall, inflorescences not plumose   | <b>13</b>            |
| 13(12) | Disarticulation above glumes, plants of inland or woodland sites  | <i>Chasmanthium</i>  |
| 13     | Disarticulation below glumes, plants of coastal dunes   | <i>Uniola</i>        |

14(10)	Glumes both absent, spikelets appear to have 1 floret (also see <i>Paspalum malacophyllum</i> )	15
14	Glumes at least one present, spikelets have 2-3 florets	16
15(14)	Plants perennial, native, upper florets less than 6 mm long	<i>Leersia</i>
15	Plants annual, introduced (cultivated), upper florets 7-12 mm long	<i>Oryza</i>
16(14)	Spikelets paired (except at rami or inflorescence or spicate raceme apex where spikelets are in 3's), one sessile or subsessile and perfect, one pedicellate and sterile ( <i>Saccharum</i> both spikelets perfect), upper floret usually membranous or leaf-like, first glume nearly as long as spikelet (Andropogoneae tribe)	<b>Group E</b>
16	Spikelets not paired or paired, when paired spikelets both perfect, upper floret dissimilar from lower floret or florets, first glume usually reduced or absent (except in <i>Phalaris</i> and some <i>Panicum</i> species) (Paniceae tribe <i>Ehrharta</i> , and <i>Phalaris</i> )	<b>Group F</b>
17(9)	Inflorescence a spike or spicate raceme or raceme	<b>Group G</b>
17	Inflorescence a panicle (depauperate specimens may be reduced to a raceme)	18
18(17)	Panicles of spicate primary unilateral branches	<b>Group H</b>
18	Panicles of open, contracted, or rames but without spicate primary unilateral branches	<b>Group I</b>

**Group A**  
**(unisexual spikelets only,**  
**staminate and pistillate spikelets conspicuously different)**

1	Plants dioecious	2
1	Plants monoecious	7
2(1)	Plants ascending to erect	3
2	Plants mat-forming, not ascending or erect	6
3(2)	Plant height 1-3 m tall, rhizomes absent	<i>Cortaderia</i>
3	Plant height 35-60 cm tall, rhizomes present or absent	4
4(3)	Lemmas 5-veined	<i>Poa</i>
4	Lemmas strongly 3-veined	5
5(4)	Ligules a ciliate membrane 0.5-1.4 mm long, inflorescences a panicle, lemmas awnless	<i>Allolepis</i>
5	Ligules a minute fringe of hairs, inflorescences a spicate raceme or narrow panicle, lemmas awnless (staminate spikelet) or with twisted awn (pistillate spikelet)	.. <i>Scleropogon</i>
6(2)	Pistillate and staminate inflorescences similar in appearance, lemmas 3-veined	<i>Eragrostis</i>
6	Pistillate inflorescences in bur-like clusters and staminate spikelets in clusters on spicate primary unilateral branches, lemmas 3-veined	<i>Buchloë</i>
7(1)	Staminate and pistillate spikelets borne on separate inflorescences	8
7	Staminate and pistillate spikelets borne on the same inflorescence	9
8(7)	Glumes absent, stamens 6	<i>Luziola</i>
8	Glumes present, stamens 3	<i>Zea</i>

9(7)	Pistillate spikelets below staminate spikelets on the inflorescence branch, glumes chartaceous	10
9	Pistillate spikelets above staminate spikelets on the inflorescence branch, glume texture leaf like	11
10(9)	Pistillate spikelets occurring singly in a hard bead-like structures (white to pale blue) (cultivated)	<i>Coix</i>
10	Pistillate spikelets occur in cobs and no singly	<i>Tripsacum</i>
11(9)	Staminate spikelets on lower panicle branches, pistillate spikelets on stiffly erect upper branches	<i>Zizania</i>
11	Staminate spikelets on base of branch, pistillate spikelets at apex of same branch	<i>Zizaniopsis</i>

**Group B**  
**(1 floret/spikelet; spike or spicate raceme)**

1	Lemmas 3 awned, spikelets more than 15 mm long	<i>Aristida</i>
1	Lemmas awnless or with 1 awn, spikelets less than 15 mm long	2
2(1)	Spikelets in capitate clusters, usually within the leafy part of plant, spikelets unisexual	<i>Buchloë</i>
2	Spikelets elevated above leaves in elongated inflorescences not in capitate clusters, spikelets with at least 1 perfect floret	3
3(2)	Inflorescences with spikelets unilateral (on one side) on rachis	<i>Microchloa</i>
3	Inflorescences with spikelets bilateral on rachis	4
4(3)	Spikelets solitary, 1 per inflorescence node	5
4	Spikelets 3 per inflorescence node	7
5(4)	Plants rhizomatous, perennial, inflorescence a raceme	<i>Zoysia</i>
5	Plants caespitose, annual, inflorescence a spike	6
6(5)	First glumes present	<i>Parapholis</i>
6	First glumes absent	<i>Hainardia</i>
7(4)	Glumes reduced to awns, inflorescence a spicate raceme (except <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> a spike)	<i>Hordeum</i>
7	Glumes not reduced to awns but rather obvious bracts, inflorescence a spike	<i>Hilaria</i>

**Group C**  
**(1 floret/spikelet;**  
**panicles without spicate primary unilateral branches)**

1	Panicle spike-like, lemmas 3-veined	<i>Hilaria</i>
1	Panicles open or contracted but not appearing as a spike, lemmas 3- or 5-veined	2
2(1)	Spikelets dimorphic (fertile spikelets mixed with and usually concealed by sterile spikelets, lemma 5-veined, veins obscure)	<i>Cynosurus</i>
2	Spikelets of similar morphology, lemmas 3 or 5 veined, veins distinct or obscure	3
3(2)	Lemmas 3 veined	4
3	Lemmas not conspicuously 3 veined, either 1 or 5 or more veined or veins inconspicuous	10



4(3)	Lemma awn branched to 3 awns, sometimes the lateral awns greatly reduced (e.g. 1 mm long)	<i>Aristida</i>	
4	Lemma awn unbranched or lemma awnless		5
5(4)	Glumes both as long or longer than lemma (excluding awns)		6
5	Glumes, at least the first, shorter than lemma		7
6(5)	Lemmas awnless or awned from back, base, or cleft apex, glumes exceeding length of lemma	<i>Agrostis</i>	
6	Lemmas awnless or awned from entire apex, glumes nearly equal to lemma length	<i>Muhlenbergia</i>	
7(5)	Spikelet disarticulation below the glumes, rachilla extending above floret as a minute bristle	<i>Cinna</i>	
7	Spikelet disarticulation above the glumes, rachilla not extended above the perfect floret		8
8(7)	First glumes with 2 awns, glume veins 2 (even-numbered)	<i>Lycurus</i>	
8	First glumes awnless or with 1 awn, glume veins odd-numbered		9
9(8)	Veins of lemmas densely pubescent, lemmas awnless	<i>Blepharoneuron</i>	
9	Veins of lemmas glabrous to scabrous, lemmas awned or awnless	<i>Muhlenbergia</i>	
10(3)	Lemmas indurate and completely enclosing palea for most of its length		11
10	Lemmas coriaceous, membranous or leaf-like, but not obviously indurate, usually not enclosing the palea for entire length		15
11(10)	Paleas longer than lemmas, grooved longitudinally, lemma margins involute	<i>Piptochaetium</i>	
11	Paleas shorter than or equal to lemmas, flat, lemma margins flat		12
12(11)	Lemma margins greatly overlapping, paleas less than one-third lemma length	<i>Nassella</i>	
12	Lemma margins not or slightly overlapping, paleas one-third or more lemma length		13
13(12)	Palea apex flat, usually pubescent, shorter or equal to lemma length, veins usually terminate below palea apex	<i>Stipa</i>	
13	Palea apex keeled, usually glabrous, as long as lemma, veins terminating at palea apex		14
14(13)	Lemmas more than 7.5 mm long, callus sharp	<i>Hesperostipa</i>	
14	Lemmas less than 7.5 mm long, callus blunt	<i>Oryzopsis</i>	
15(10)	Glumes absent	<i>Leersia</i>	
15	Glumes present, at least the second		16
16(15)	Glumes, at least the first, shorter than floret		17
16	Glumes both longer than or equal to floret		21
17(16)	Lemmas 5 veined, plants of wet habitats or mesic habitats		18
17	Lemmas 1 veined, plants of mesic or xeric habitats		20
18(17)	Rachilla terminating at upper floret, not becoming a bristle, plants of wet area		
18	Rachilla extending above perfect(usually upper) floret into a bristle, plants of mesic areas	<i>Oryza</i>	19

19(18)	First glumes 0.1 – 1.1 mm long, plants perennial, lemmas acute	<i>Brachyelytrum</i>
19	First glumes 1.4 – 2.6 mm long, plant annual, lemmas bidentate	<i>Apera</i>
20(17)	Lemmas with a tuft of hair at base	<i>Calamovilfa</i>
20	Lemmas without a tuft of hair at base	<i>Sporobolus</i>
21(16)	Glumes and lemmas awnless	22
21	Glumes or lemmas awned	24
22(21)	Lemmas 1 veined, ligules a dense ring of hairs or ciliate membrane	<i>Sporobolus</i>
22	Lemmas 5 veined or veins inconspicuous, ligules membranous	23
23(22)	Panicle branches in verticels of dense whorls, panicles contracted	<i>Polypogon</i>
23	Panicle branches in verticels or not in verticels but not dense, panicles open or contracted	<i>Agrostis</i>
24(21)	Glumes awned	25
24	Glumes awnless (awn-tipped in <i>Gastridium</i> )	26
25(24)	Disarticulation above the glumes, glumes generally 3 veined	<i>Phleum</i>
25	Disarticulation below the glumes, glumes 1 veined	<i>Polypogon</i>
26(24)	Disarticulation of spikelet above glumes	27
26	Disarticulation of spikelet below glumes	28
27(26)	Second glumes 4–5 times longer than lemma	<i>Gastridium</i>
27	Second glumes shorter to longer than lemma but not more than twice as long	<i>Agrostis</i>
28(26)	Lemmas awned from below middle, inflorescence a tightly contracted cylindrical panicle	<i>Alopecurus</i>
28	Lemmas awned from near apex, inflorescence contracted but not tightly cylindrical	<i>Limnodea</i>

**Group D**  
**(1 floret/spikelet;**  
**panicle with spicate primary unilateral branches)**

1	Panicle branches digitate, sub-digitate or rarely verticillate	<i>Cynodon</i>
1	Panicle branches generally alternate but definitely not digitate	2
2(1)	Spikelets borne on central axis of inflorescence as well as the branches	<i>Schedonnardus</i>
2	Spikelets not borne on central axis of inflorescence, occurring only on the branches	3
3(2)	Lemmas 5 veined, paleas 3 veined	<i>Leersia</i>
3	Lemmas conspicuously 1–3 veined, paleas 2 veined	4
4(3)	Plants 50 cm or more in height, larger spikelets 6–25 mm long	<i>Spartina</i>
4	Plants 49 cm or less tall, larger spikelets 4–5 mm long	<i>Willkommia</i>

**Group E**  
**ANDROPOGONEAE TRIBE**  
**(2 florets/spikelet; spikelets paired, some pedicels**  
**without spikelets; reduced floret below perfect floret)**

1	Inflorescence a spicate raceme, several to many per culm	2
1	Inflorescence a panicle of rames (rarely a panicle with a single branch)	11
2(1)	Upper lemmas awned	3
2	Upper lemmas awnless	6
3(2)	Lemma awn less than 3 cm long	<i>Schizachyrium</i>
3	Lemma awn more than 3.5 cm long	4
4(3)	Inflorescences more than 9 cm long (excluding awns)	<i>Trachypogon</i>
4	Inflorescences less than 8 cm long (excluding awns)	5
5(4)	Spicate racemes composed of many spikelet pairs, inflorescences elongated not fan shaped	<i>Heteropogon</i>
5	Spicate racemes composed of a single spikelet (rarely more) and 2 pedicellate spikelets, inflorescences appear fan shaped	<i>Themeda</i>
6(2)	Inflorescences pubescent	<i>Elionurus</i>
6	Inflorescences glabrous to scabrous	7
7(6)	Basal leaf sheaths with stiff, sharp, papilla-based hairs to 3 mm long that irritate the skin, plants annual	<i>Rottboellia</i>
7	Basal leaf sheaths glabrous or with a tuft of pilose hair at apex, plants perennial or annual	8
8(7)	Sessile spikelets not sunken into thickened rachis, rachis slender	9
8	Sessile spikelets sunken into thickened rachis	10
9(8)	Plants annual, culms much branched	<i>Microstegium</i>
9	Plants perennial, culms not branching above base	<i>Eremochloa</i>
10(8)	First glume of sessile spikelets smooth on back, inflorescence axis flattened	<i>Hemarthria</i>
10	First glume of sessile spikelets with pits or ridges, inflorescence axis cylindrical or angled but not flattened	<i>Mnesithea</i>
11(1)	Rame reduces to a triad of spikelets, lemma awn 10 cm or more long	<i>Chrysopogon</i>
11	Rame not a triad of spikelets, lemma awn less than 5 cm long or awnless	12
12(11)	Leaf blades with cordate clasping base, plants annual	<i>Arthraxon</i>
12	Leaf blades without cordate clasping base, plants perennial or annual	13
13(12)	Spikelets, both sessile and pedicellate fertile	14
13	Spikelets not both fertile, sessile spikelet fertile and pedicellate sterile or pedicellate spikelet absent	17
14(13)	Panicles subdigitate, central axis short, branches seldom rebranch, plants less than 0.5 m tall	<i>Microstegium</i>
14	Panicles with elongated central axis, branches may rebranch several times, plants more than 1 m tall	15
15(14)	Spikelets falling in pairs (sessile and pedicellate with inflorescence branch)	<i>Saccharum</i>
15	Spikelets falling separate from the inflorescence branch	16

- 16(15) Inflorescences greater than 7 cm long, sheath margins connate, spikelets mostly awned *Miscanthus*
- 16 Inflorescence less than 6.9 cm long, sheath margins open, spikelets awnless *Imperata*
- 17(15) Panicles of 2 to 7 paired or digitate or subdigitate rames, a spathe subtending inflorescence bases can be present or absent, pedicels of upper spikelets without central groove or membranous area **18**
- 17 Panicles of more than 7 rames (occasionally reduced to 3 branches in *Bothriochloa ischaemum*), spathe not subtending inflorescences, pedicels of upper spikelet with or without a central or membranous area **20**
- 18 (17) Sessile spikelet at base of rames staminate and awnless *Hyparrhenia*
- 18 Sessile spikelets at base of rames bisexual and awned **19**
- 19(17) Pedicellate spikelets about as large as sessile spikelets, apex broadly rounded, species introduced *Dichanthium*
- 19 Pedicellate spikelets shorter and narrower than sessile spikelets **or** apex narrow and tapering **or** absent, species native *Andropogon*
- 20(17) Glume margins setose, the hairs almost appear like spines *Chrysopogon*
- 20 Glume margins not setose, any hairs not appearing like spines **21**
- 21(20) Pedicels and usually upper branch internodes on the upper part of inflorescence with a central groove or membranous area *Bothriochloa*
- 21 Pedicels and upper branch internodes on the upper part of inflorescence without a central groove or membranous area **22**
- 22(21) Pedicellate spikelets absent, only hairy pedicel remaining *Sorghastrum*
- 22 Pedicellate spikelets present *Sorghum*

**Group F**  
**ANTHOXANTHUM, EHRHARTA, PHALARIS and PANICEAE TRIBE**  
**[2 or 3 florets/spikelet; reduced floret or florets below perfect floret; panicle inflorescences (some spicate racemes or racemes)]**

- 1 Ear-like appendages at the margins of second lemma, disarticulation above the glumes *Ehrharta*
- 1 Ear-like appendages absent from the base of the second lemma, disarticulation above or below the glumes **2**
- 2(1) Glumes equal, 1 mm or more longer than fertile floret, 2 (occasionally 1) scale-like rudimentary florets below fertile floret, disarticulation above glumes, upper floret coriaceous *Phalaris*
- 2 Glumes unequal (rarely equal, e.g. *Panicum obtusum*) or only second glume present (in some species of *Axonopus*, *Digitaria* and *Paspalum*), if equal then reduced floret as long as spikelet, disarticulation below or above the glumes, upper floret usually firm to indurate (except in *Pennisetum* and *Cenchrus*) **3**
- 3(2) Florets 3 per spikelet, disarticulation above glumes, fertile floret with dorsal awn *Anthoxanthum*
- 3 Florets 2 per spikelet, disarticulation below glumes **4**

4(3)	Inflorescence a spike or spicate raceme or raceme, spikelets embedded or not embedded in inflorescence	<b>5</b>
4	Inflorescence a panicle, spikelets not embedded into cavities of inflorescence branches	<b>6</b>
5(4)	Spikelets appear embedded in cavities of rachis	<i>Stenotaphrum</i>
5	Spikelets not appearing embedded in rachis	<i>Paspalum</i>
6(4)	Panicles of spicate (or racemose) primary unilateral branches	<b>7</b>
6	Panicles open or contracted but not having spicate primary unilateral branches	<b>20</b>
7(6)	First glumes absent or reduced to a cup-like structure on all or some spikelets	<b>8</b>
7	First glumes present on all spikelets	<b>12</b>
8(7)	Spikelets subtended by a cup-like or disk-like ring, upper lemma mucronate	<i>Eriochloa</i>
8	Spikelets not subtended by a cup-like or disk-like ring, upper lemma awnless	<b>9</b>
9(8)	Apex of upper lemma margins folded over palea, not clasping, appearing thin	<i>Digitaria</i>
9	Apex of upper lemma margins clasping the palea, appearing thick	<b>10</b>
10(9)	Lemma of the fertile florets with rounded surface facing away from inflorescence branch axis	<i>Axonopus</i>
10	Lemma of fertile florets with rounded surface facing inflorescence branch axis	<b>11</b>
11(9)	Lemma of lower florets awned, upper florets mucronate	<i>Echinochloa</i>
11	Lemma of lower florets awnless, upper florets rounded to obtuse to acute, not mucronate	<i>Paspalum</i>
12(7)	Ligules absent, plants annual	<i>Echinochloa</i>
12	Ligules present, plants annual and perennial	<b>13</b>
13(12)	Glumes both awned	<b>14</b>
13	Glumes both awnless	<b>16</b>
14(13)	First glumes rudimentary, lower lemmas and second glumes silky villous	<i>Melinis</i>
14	First glumes well-developed, lower lemmas and second glumes glabrous or pubescent, but both not silky villous	<b>15</b>
15(14)	Awn of first glumes mucronate or shorter than glume body, plants not stoloniferous	<i>Echinochloa</i>
15	Awn of first glumes 6 mm or more long, plants stoloniferous	<i>Oplismenus</i>
16(13)	Upper lemma margins folded over palea, not clasping, appearing thin	<i>Digitaria</i>
16	Upper lemma margins clasping palea, appearing thick	<b>17</b>
17(16)	First glumes adjacent to primary branch axis, upper lemmas smooth	<i>Brachiaria</i>
17	First glumes away from primary branch axis, upper lemmas smooth or rugose	<b>18</b>
18(17)	Primary branch extending beyond spikelet as a point or bristle	<i>Paspalidium</i>
18	Primary branch not extending beyond spikelet as a point or bristle	<b>19</b>
19(18)	Panicle branches appressed, upper lemmas smooth	<i>Panicum</i>
19	Panicle branches ascending to divergent, upper lemmas rugose	<i>Urochloa</i>
20(6)	First glumes reduced to a cup-like structure subtending spikelet	<i>Eriochloa</i>
20	First glumes bractlike, not reduced to a cup-like structure (minute in <i>Melinis</i> )	<b>21</b>

21(20)	Spikelets subtended by 1 to many bristles or flattened spines, bristles or spines forming an involucre, or not fused	22
21	Spikelets not subtended by bristles or flattened spines, bristles or flattened spines not present	24
22(21)	Spikelets disarticulate above bristles or spines, bristles persistent on inflorescence (see <i>Pennisetum glaucum</i> )	<i>Setaria</i>
22	Spikelets disarticulate with the bristles or spines, bristles not persistent on inflorescence	23
23(22)	Bristles antrorsely barbed	<i>Pennisetum</i>
23	Bristles or spines retrorsely barbed	<i>Cenchrus</i>
24(21)	Upper lemma margins folded over palea margins, relatively thin and flexible	25
24	Upper lemma margins inrolled (appearing to clasp) over palea margins, relatively thick and rigid (except immature <i>Panicum brachyanthum</i> )	27
25(24)	Rachilla pronounced between florets, first glume present	<i>Melinis</i>
25	Rachilla not pronounced between florets, first glume absent	26
26(25)	Pedicels shorter than spikelet	<i>Anthaenantia</i>
26	Pedicels 2 to several times longer than spikelet	<i>Digitaria</i>
27(24)	Second glumes gibbous at base, fertile florets on a short stipe	<i>Sacciolepis</i>
27	Second glumes not gibbous at base, fertile florets without stipe	28
28(27)	Ligules absent	<i>Echinochloa</i>
28	Ligules present	29
29(28)	Inflorescences of spicate unbranched primary branches	<i>Urochloa</i>
29	Inflorescences with branches that rebranch	30
30(29)	Plants forming a basal rosette of leaves different from cauline leaves, culm simple in cool season with a primary panicle inflorescence per culm, later becoming much branched with small axillary inflorescences in summer and fall	<i>Dichantherium</i>
30	Plants not forming a basal rosette of leaves, leaves at base similar to cauline leaves, culms with a primary panicle inflorescence in summer and fall (see also <i>Dichantherium pedicellatum</i> )	31
31(30)	Lemma of perfect florets transversely rugose	<i>Urochloa</i>
31	Lemma of perfect florets smooth or muricate not transversely rugose	<i>Panicum</i>

### Group G

#### (2 or more florets/spikelet; spike or spicate raceme or racemes)

1	Spikelets in capitate clusters, usually within the leafy part of plant	2
1	Spikelets elevated above leaves, in elongated inflorescences not in capitate clusters	4
2(1)	Lemmas 3 awned, awns ciliate	<i>Blepharidachne</i>
2	Lemmas 1 awned, awns not ciliate	3
3(2)	Lemmas acuminate, not bifid, florets 2-3, ligules a ring of hairs	<i>Munroa</i>
3	Lemmas bifid, florets 6-12, ligule a ciliate membrane	<i>Dasyochloa</i>
4(1)	Inflorescences unilateral spikes	<i>Bouteloua</i>
4	Inflorescences bilateral spikes or spicate racemes or racemes	5

5(4)	Inflorescences a spike with 1 sessile spikelet per node (occasionally 2 spikelets per node in <i>(Elymus smithii)</i> )	6
5	Inflorescences a spike with 2 or more sessile spikelets per node (rarely 1 spikelet per node in <i>(Leymus triticoides)</i> or a raceme <i>(Bromus)</i> ...	13
6(5)	Inflorescence a raceme	7
6	Inflorescence a spike or spicate raceme	8
7(6)	Lemmas bifid, awned from between the lobes of the bifid apex	<i>Bromus</i>
7	Lemmas entire, awn terminal	<i>Brachypodium</i>
8(7)	First glume absent on all except the terminal spikelet	<i>Lolium</i>
8	First glume present on all spikelets	9
9(8)	Plants annual, culm bases soft	10
9	Plants perennial, culm bases firm	11
10(9)	Glumes 1 veined	<i>Secale</i>
10	Glumes 5-11-veined	<i>Triticum</i>
11(9)	Spikelets spreading from rachis at 40° angle	<i>Agropyron</i>
11	Spikelets appressed to rachis (less than 30 degree angle)	12
12(11)	Ligules a ciliate membrane, lemmas 3-veined	<i>Tripogon</i>
12	Ligules membranous, lemmas 5-several-veined or veins inconspicuous	<i>Elymus</i>
13(5)	Spikelets disarticulate in clusters as a complete unit, lemmas 3-veined, veins distinct, stolons or rhizomes present	<i>Hilaria</i>
13	Spikelets disarticulate above or below the glumes but not in clusters, lemmas 5-7-veined, veins indistinct, stolons not present	14
14(13)	Disarticulation of spikelets below glumes	<i>Psathyrostachys</i>
14	Disarticulation of spikelets above the glumes	15
15(14)	Rhizomes present	<i>Leymus</i>
15	Rhizomes absent	16
16(15)	Glumes 2-5-veined	<i>Elymus</i>
16	Glumes 1-veined	<i>Psathyrostachys</i>

**Group H**  
**(2 or more florets/spikelet; inflorescence**  
**a panicle of spicate primary unilateral branches)**

1	Inflorescence a unilateral panicle appearing like a raceme, primary branches short, appearing subsessile to central axis	<i>Schlerochloa</i>
1	Inflorescence with 2 or more spicate primary unilateral branches, primary branches not short and not appearing subsessile to central axis	2
2 (1)	Inflorescence branches digitate, subdigitate, or verticillate	3
2	Inflorescence branches alternate or occasionally paired ( <i>Eleusine</i> occasionally reduced to 1-2 branches per inflorescence)	10
3(2)	Fertile florets 3 or more per spikelet	4
3	Fertile florets 1 or 2 per spikelet	6

4(3)	Inflorescence primary branches terminating in a bare point	<i>Dactyloctenium</i>	
4	Inflorescence primary branches terminating in a spikelet		5
5(4)	Lemmas 3-awned, panicle branches in verticels, second glumes 1-veined	<i>Trichloris</i>	
5	Lemmas awnless to mucronate, panicle branches digitate or subdigitate, second glumes 3-7-veined	<i>Eleusine</i>	
6(3)	Leaf blades without a midvein usually conspicuously distichous, second glumes (excluding awn) equal to or longer than spikelet	<i>Gymnopogon</i>	
6	Leaf blades with midvein, not conspicuously distichous, second glumes (excluding awn) shorter than spikelet		7
7(6)	Lower lemmas laterally compressed, caryopses triangular or subterete in cross section		8
7	Lower lemmas dorsally compressed, caryopses dorsally compressed		10
8(7)	Second glume awned	<i>Eustachys</i>	
8	Second glume awnless		9
9(8)	Lowermost lemma awned	<i>Chloris</i>	
9	Lowermost lemma awnless	<i>Cynodon</i>	
10(7)	Lowermost lemmas 1 awned	<i>Enteropogon</i>	
10	Lowermost lemmas 3 awned	<i>Trichloris</i>	
11(2)	Lemmas obscurely 5 veined, plants annual	<i>Desmazeria</i>	
11	Lemmas conspicuously 3 veined, plants perennial or annual		12
12(11)	Fertile florets 1 per spikelet		13
12	Fertile florets 2 or more per spikelet		14
13(12)	Spikelets in clusters of 3 per primary branch, upper spikelet with one perfect floret, lower spikelets neuter or staminate	<i>Cathestecum</i>	
13	Spikelets not in clusters of 3 per primary branch, all spikelets with a perfect floret	<i>Bouteloua</i>	
14(12)	Glumes 8 mm or more long, lemma veins ciliate	<i>Trichoneura</i>	
14	Glumes less than 7.8 mm long, lemma veins glabrous or puberulent but not with spreading ciliate hairs		15
15(14)	Lemmas glabrous, acute, awnless, spikelets not overlapping on inflorescence		
	Branches	<i>Eragrostis</i>	
15	Lemmas glabrous or pubescent on veins or near the base, apex acute to obtuse or notched, awned or awnless, when lemmas awnless spikelets overlapping on branches.....	<i>Leptochloa</i>	

**Group I**  
**(2 or more florets/spikelet; reduced floret**  
**at spikelet apex or absent; panicle inflorescence)**

1	Plants with unilateral panicles		2
1	Plants with rebranched panicles or multiple spikelets per primary branch		3
2(1)	Spikelets dimorphic (fertile spikelets mixed with and usually concealed by sterile spikelets), disarticulation below the glumes, glumes 3-9 veined, lemmas 3-veined	<i>Sclerochloa</i>	
2	Spikelets of similar morphology, disarticulation above the glumes, glumes 1-veined, lemmas 5-veined	<i>Cynosurus</i>	



3(1).	Plants 2 – 6 m tall.....	4
3.	Plants less than 2 m tall.....	7
4(3).	Spikelets 3.5–7 cm long; inflorescences not plumose.....	<i>Arundinaria</i>
4.	Spikelets less than 3.5 cm long; inflorescences a plume-like panicle.....	5
5(4).	Plants without rhizomes (caespitose); glumes 1-veined.....	<i>Cortaderia</i>
5.	Plants rhizomatous; glumes 3- to many-veined.....	6
6(5).	Lemmas densely pubescent; rachilla glabrous.....	<i>Arundo</i>
6.	Lemmas glabrous; rachilla villous.....	<i>Phragmites</i>
7(3).	Lemmas conspicuously 3-veined.....	8
7.	Lemmas 1 or 5- many-veined, or veins obscure (midvein may be conspicuous).....	16
8(7).	Veins of lemma glabrous or minutely scabrous; lemma base without long hairs.....	9
8.	Veins of lemma pubescent (occasionally puberulent) to long hairy or lemma base with long hairs.....	11
9(8).	Lemma apex with a slight notch, midvein extending into a mucro; panicles contracted.....	<i>Tridens</i>
9.	Lemma apex without a notch, midvein not extending into an awn; panicles open or narrow.....	10
10(9).	Second glumes 1-veined; caryopses not beaked.....	<i>Eragrostis</i>
10.	Second glumes 3-5-veined; caryopses beaked.....	<i>Diarrhena</i>
11(8).	Rhizomes present, well developed.....	<i>Redfieldia</i>
11.	Rhizomes absent.....	12
12(11).	Paleas densely long-ciliate on upper half; plants annual.....	<i>Triplasis</i>
12.	Paleas not densely long-ciliate on upper half; plants annual or perennial.....	13
13(12).	Leaf blades with thick white margins; inflorescences usually less than 4 cm long.....	<i>Erioneuron</i>
13.	Leaf blades without thick white margins; inflorescences longer than 5 cm.....	14
14(13).	Lemmas with 3 awns, these 4 mm long or longer.....	<i>Triraphis</i>
14.	Lemmas awnless or with single awns, if 3 awns then awns mucronate.....	15
15(14).	Inflorescence a panicle of spicate primary branches.....	<i>Leptochloa</i>
15.	Inflorescence a panicle without spicate primary branches.....	<i>Tridens</i>
16 (7).	Lemmas 9-or more awned.....	17
16.	Lemmas 0-3-awned.....	19
17(16).	Glumes 1-veined.....	<i>Pappophorum</i>
17.	Glumes 5-or more-veined.....	18
18(17).	Lowermost lemmas 9-veined; lemma awns 9, subequal, plumose.....	<i>Enneapogon</i>
18.	Lowermost lemmas 11-13-veined; lemma awns 11- 13, unequal, glabrous to scabrous.....	<i>Cottea</i>

19(16).	Ligules a line of hairs or ciliate membrane.....	20
19.	Ligules membranous for most or all its length.....	23
20(19).	Lemmas 1-veined, apex entire .....	<i>Eragrostis</i>
20.	Lemmas strongly 7-9-veined, apex slightly bifid .....	21
21(20).	Caryopsis apex with 2 persistent horn-like style bases, outline orbicular .....	<i>Vaseyochloa</i>
21.	Caryopsis apex without persistent horn-like style bases, outline linear to narrowly elliptical.....	22
22(21).	Plants annual; lemmas awnless or nearly so .....	<i>Schismus</i>
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23(21).	Glumes or lemmas awned.....	24
23.	Glumes and lemmas awnless .....	36
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25(24).	Glumes 1.5 cm long or longer.....	<i>Avena</i>
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29(24).	Lemmas bifid, awned from between teeth.....	30
29.	Lemmas acute, not bifid, awned from apex.....	33
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30.	Glumes and lemmas glabrous to hairy but not papillose or papillose hispid .....	31
31(30).	Paleas adnate to caryopsis; lemma apices usually bifid.....	<i>Bromus</i>
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32(31).	Spikelets less than 8 mm long; plants annual; lemma apices entire (bifid in <i>Sphenopholis interrupta</i> ).....	<i>Sphenopholis</i>
32.	Spikelets more than 8 mm long; plants annual or perennial; lemma apices bifid.....	<i>Bromus</i>
33(29).	Plants annual; stamen 1 (rarely 3) per floret; leaves less than 2 mm wide; lemmas inconspicuously 5-veined .....	<i>Vulpia</i>
33.	Plants perennial; stamen 3 per floret; leaves more than 4 mm wide; lemmas conspicuously 5-veined.....	34

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34. Spikelets not strongly compressed, not on dense 1-sided panicle branches; leaf sheaths rounded, or not keeled .....35
- 35 (34). Basal leaves **with** auricles; blades flat.....*Schedonorus*
35. Basal leaves **without** auricles; blades flat or involute or conduplicate.....*Festuca*
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36. Glumes less than 1.7 cm long ..... 37
- 37(36). Glumes and lemmas spreading at right angles to rachilla, appearing inflated; pedicels slender.....*Briza*
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- 42(38). Spikelets dissimilar; plants with staminate spikelets and fertile spikelet; fertile spikelets awned ..... *Lamarckia*
42. Spikelets all similar; plants without both staminate and fertile spikelets; fertile spikelets awnless .....43
- 43(42). Paleas colorless throughout ..... 44
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- 45(43). Lemma apex bifid ..... 46
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- 46(43). Rachilla extended beyond upper floret; panicles narrow, congested.....*Sphenopholis*
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48(47). Panicles of stiff spicate primary branches; plants annual.....*Desmazeria*  
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50(47). Spikelets with all unisexual florets; ligules a ciliate membrane..... *Distichlis*  
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51(50). Plants annual; stamen 1 (rarely 3) per floret.....*Vulpia*  
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52(51). Basal leaves **with** auricles; blades flat .....*Schedonorus*  
 52. Basal leaves **without** auricles; blades flat or involute or conduplicate.....*Festuca*

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