

## ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Ornamental grasses add texture, style, and year-round beauty to a landscape. They range in height from 1' – 8' and a number of them hold their form, even in heavy snow.

Fortunately, many grasses are both cold and drought tolerant. The following is a list of grasses that should do well in the Big Bear Valley. As usual, make sure you do a little research by discussing ornamental grasses with a local nursery person or landscaper.

Other sources of information can be found on the internet or at the library.

### ***Achnatherum*** – Needle Grass

- A. aridum* – SW US, height to 2'
- A. calamagrostis* – C. & S. Europe, height to 3'
- A. hymenoides* – **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 2'
- A. latiglume* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 3'
- A. lemmonii* – W. US, height to 3'
- A. lettermanii* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 2'
- A. nelsonii* – W. N. Amer., height to 5'
- A. nevadense* – Great Basin, height to 30"
- A. occidentale* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 30"
- A. parishii* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 2'
- A. pinetorum* – W. US, height to 18"
- A. speciosum* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 2'
- A. splendens* – Asia, height to 8'
- A. thurberianum* – SW US, height to 2'
- A. webberi* – Great Basin, height to 1'

### ***Andropogon*** – Beard Grass

- A. gerardii* – N. Amer., height to 8"
- A. tenarius* – NE US, height to 2'
- A. virginicus* – N. Amer., height to 4'

### ***Aristida*** – Three-awn

- A. purpurea* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 30"

### ***Blepharoneuron*** – Mountain Mist Grass

- B. trichelepis* – SW US, height to 2'

### ***Bothriochloa*** - Bluestem

- B. caucasica* – SW Asia, height to 3'
- B. ischaemum* – S. Europe, height to 30"
- B. saccharoides* – C. & SW US, height to 4'

***Bouteloua*** – Gramma Grass

- B. aristidoides* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 1’
- B. barbata* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 1’
- B. curtipendula* – Western Hemisphere, height to 30”
- B. gracilis* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 18”
- B. trifida* – SW US & Mex., height to 1’

***Calamagrostis*** – Feather Reed Grass

- C. x acutiflora* – Europe, height to 5’
- C. purpurascens* – N. Amer., height to 2’

***Cortaderia*** – Pampas Grass

- C. selloana* – S. Amer., height to 6’

***Elymus*** – Wild Rye

- E. elymoides* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 2’
- E. glaucus* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 4’
- E. magellanicus* – S. Amer., height to 2’
- E. multisetus* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 2’
- E. scribneri* – W. US, height to 18”
- E. sierrae* – Sierra Nevada, height to 18”

***Elytrigia*** - Wheatgrass

- E. elongata* – Sierra Nevada, height to 5’

***Eragrostis*** – Love Grass

- E. trichodes* – C. US, height to 4’

***Festuca*** - Fescue

- F. amethystina* – C. Europe, height to 2’
- F. brachyphylla* – N. Amer., height to 8”
- F. filiformis* – Europe, height to 1’
- F. glauca* – France, height to 2’
- F. idahoensis* – W. N. Amer., height to 1’
- F. kingii* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 2’
- F. rubra* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 30”
- F. saximontana* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 10”

***Helictotrichon*** – Oat Grass

*H. sempervirens* – W. Mediterranean, height to 4’

***Hesperostipa*** – Porcupine Grass

*H. comata* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 3’

***Koeleria*** – Hair Grass

*K. glauca* – Eurasia, height to 2’

*K. macrantha* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 2’

***Leymus*** – Wild Rye

*L. arenarius* – NW Europe, height to 4’

*L. cinereus* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 7’

*L. salinus* – Great Basin, height to 4’

*L. racemosus* – Eurasia, height to 4’

***Melica*** – Onion Grass

*M. aristata* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 3’

*M. bulbosa* – W. N. Amer., height to 2’

*M. californica* – W. CA, height to 4’

*M. fugax* – W. N. Amer., height to 2’

*M. stricta* - **San Bernardino Mountains**, height to 3’

***Muhlenbergia*** - Muhly

*M. arsenei* – SW US, height to 1’

*M. capillaris* – SE US, Mex., height to 3’

*M. dubia* – SW US, height to 3’

*M. emersleyi* – height to 3’

*M. lindheimeri* TX, Mex., height to 5’

*M. montana* – W. US, height to 1’

***Nassella*** – Needle Grass

*N. tenuissima* – SW US, Mex., height to 18”

***Oryzopsis*** – Indian Rice Grass

*O. hymenoides* – W. US, height to 18”

***Panicum*** – Panic Grass

*P. virgatum* – N. Amer., height to 6'

***Pennisetum*** – Fountain Grass

*P. orientale* – SW Asia, height to 6'

***Saccharum*** – Ravenna Grass

*S. ravennae* – Mediterranean, height to 4'

***Schizachyrium*** – Little Blue Stem

*S. scoparium* – N. Amer., height to 4'

***Sorghastrum*** – Indian Grass

*S. nutans* – Great Plains, height to 4'

***Sporobolus*** - Dropseed

*S. airoides* – W. N. Amer., height to 3'

*S. heterolepis* – Great Plains, height to 2'

*S. wrightii* – SW US, Mex., height to 6'

***Stipa*** – Needle Grass

*S. capillata* – Eurasia, height to 3'

*S. gigantea* – Mediterranean, height to 8'

*S. pinnata* – Eurasia, height to 30"

***Themeda*** - Themeda

*T. Japonica* – Japan, China, Korea, height to 5'