

Showy Native Grasses for the Verde Valley

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Blue Grama Grass

- Golden curly eyebrow seed heads persist through winter
- Drought tolerant
- Long-lived, sod forming
- Valuable forage species
- Blooms: Fall
- Grows: 12-15 inches tall



Sand Dropseed

- Thrives in sandy soils
 - Good forage when green
 - Prolific re-seeder
 - Great for establishing meadows/pastures
 - Provides nesting habitat for native bees
- Blooms: Fall



Alkali Sacaton

- Seed heads deep purple to reddish
- Deep roots provide erosion control
- Thrives in moist, alkaline soils
- Bunch forming
- Blooms: Late summer-fall
- Grows: 3 ft tall and wide



Cane Bluestem

- Seed heads are silvery puffs of joy
- Good early season forage
- Provides erosion control
- Thrives in barren areas
- Drought resistant
- Blooms: Fall
- Grows: 2 to 4 ft tall



Giant Sacaton

- Golden, feathery seed heads
- Great border plant
- Thrives in sandy dry, rocky soils
- Blooms: Fall
- Grows: seed heads 7ft tall, leaves 3ft



New Mexico Feathergrass

- Curly, golden swirling
- Drought tolerant
- Blooms: Spring-early summer
- Grows to 3' tall
- Good early forage but seed heads when mature bother pets



Purple Three-awn

- Reddish-purple feathery seed heads
- Low-growing and dense
- Host plant for many pollinators
- Blooms: Spring-early summer
- Grows less than 1 ft tall



Deergrass

- Silvery foliage
- Drought tolerant
- Attracts birds and butterflies
- Blooms: Late summer
- Grows: 3 to 4 ft tall leaves and flowerstalk



Beargrass

- It's not actually a grass!
- Gracefully curving serrated leaves provide texture year-round
- Tolerates drought and poor soils
- Beautiful towering creamy white flowering stalk
- Blooms: Late spring-early summer

