

## Native Ornamental Grasses

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Invasive Ornamental Grasses (according to Kentucky Exotic Pest Plant Council)

- Chinese Silver Grass (*Miscanthus sinensis*)
- Giant Reed (*Arundo donax*)

(Pampas Grass (*Cortaderia selloana*) is not on KY's list, but it is invasive in nearby states)

Native Ornamentals Grasses and Sedges

1. For sun, tall
  - Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*)
  - Big Bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*)
  - Indian Grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*)
2. For sun, short
  - Prairie Dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*)
  - Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)
  - Side Oats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*)
  - Pink Muhly Grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*)
  - Fox Sedge (*Carex vulpinoidea*)
3. For Shade
  - River Oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*)
  - Bottlebrush Grass (*Elymus hystrix*)
  - Hairy Sedge (*Carex hirtifolia*)
  - Cherokee Sedge (*Carex cherokeensis*)
  - Appalachian Sedge (*Carex appalachia*)
  - Pennsylvania Sedge (*Carex pennsylvanica*)

Some Resources:

KY Coefficients of Conservatism

<https://www.dropseednursery.com/resources/plantlist/>

KY Exotic Pest Plant Council

[https://www.se-eppc.org/ky/KYEPPC\\_2013list.pdf](https://www.se-eppc.org/ky/KYEPPC_2013list.pdf)