

## **LG – Large Grasses: over 3 ft tall**

### **Excellent choices**

<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	big blue stem		
<i>Andropogon ternarius</i>	splitbeard blue stem		
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	switch grass		Several cultivars
<i>Carex spp.</i>	sedge		Many species, mostly in wet sites; several available commercially

### **Good alternatives**

<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<i>Spartina</i>	cord grass		

### **Popular non-natives**

<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<i>Calamagrostis acutiflora</i>	Feather Reed Grass		
<i>Cortaderia selloana</i> 'Pumila'	Dwarf Pampas Grass		Pampas grass in general is overused
<i>Miscanthus spp.</i>	Maiden Grass		Overused

### **Exotics to Avoid**

<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i>	Golden Bamboo	Invasive and hard to eradicate
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>	Chinese silvergrass	Invasive

## **MG – Medium Grasses: 1-3 ft tall**

### **Excellent choices**

<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<i>Andropogon glomeratus</i>	Bushy Blue Stem		
<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	Muhly Grass		
<i>Panicum 'Heavy Metal'</i>	Switch Grass		Also several other cultivars in this size
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem		

### **Good alternatives**

<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	Tufted Hair Grass		
<i>Chasmanthium</i>	Northern Sea Oats		

### **Popular non-natives**

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<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Wild Rye		
<i>Cenchrus purpurascens</i>	Fountain Grass		Formerly <i>Pennisetum</i>
<i>Phalaris spp.</i>	Ribbon Grass		

### **Exotics to Avoid**

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## **SG – Small Grasses: under 1 ft tall**

### **Excellent choices**

<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<i>Carex stricta</i>	sedge		Prefers wet soils
<i>Carex pennsylvanicum</i>	Pennsylvania sedge		OK with drier soils
<i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i>	blue-eyed grass		In the iris family

### **Good alternatives**

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### **Popular non-natives**

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<i>Festuca glauca</i>	Blue Fescue		Delicate silvery blue foliage
<i>Liriope muscari</i>	Lilyturf		Overused as a bed edging
<i>Liriope spicata</i>	Spreading lilyturf		Overused; spreading and invasive

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