



## Ornamental Grasses



**KEY:**  
Provides food for butterflies



Provides food & nesting for hummingbirds



Provides food, cover, or nesting for birds

### Bamboo Muhly *Muhlenbergia dumosa*



- Fast-growing perennial grass 6 ft x 6 ft
- Full sun/light shade
- Low water
- Native to AZ & NW Mexico



### Big Muhly *Muhlenbergia lindheimeri*



- Perennial grass 5 ft x 5 ft
- Sun/part sun
- Low water
- Fall seed heads
- Salt tolerant
- Deer resistant
- TX native



### Coastal Cordgrass *Spartina spartinae*



- Perennial grass 3 ft x 3 ft
- Sun/part sun
- Low to high water
- Fall seed heads
- Very salt tolerant
- Throughout Gulf coast



### Gulf Muhly *Muhlenbergia capillaris*

- Perennial grass 3 ft x 3 ft
- Sun/part sun
- Low water
- Fall seed color
- Very salt tolerant
- Deer resistant
- Native on TX coast



### Inland Sea oats *Chasmanthium latifolium*



- Perennial grass 2-4 ft x 2 ft
- Part shade/shade
- Low-medium water
- Late summer-fall seed heads
- Deer resistant
- Native SE TX



## Lemon Grass

*Cymbopogon citratus*



- Fragrant perennial culinary grass  
6 ft x 4 ft
- Sun/light shade
- Moist soil
- Will freeze to ground & grow back
- Caution- leaves have sharp edges
- Native to India & Sri Lanka

## Little Bluestem

*Schizachyrium scoparium*



- Perennial grass  
6 ft x 1 ft
- Sun/part sun
- Very low water
- Russet seed heads in fall
- Very salt tolerant
- Deer resistant
- Various soils all over Texas



## Mexican Feathergrass

*Nassella tenuissima*



- Perennial grass  
2 ft x 2 ft
- Sun/part sun
- Very low water
- Deer resistant
- Mass for a groundcover
- S TX native



## Purple Fountain Grass

*Pennisetum setaceum 'Rubrum'*



- Perennial grass  
4-6 ft x 2-4 ft
- Sun/part shade
- Low water
- Blooms late spring-fall
- Deer resistant
- Cultivar - does not seed
- Native to Africa, Asia

## Purple Threeawn

*Aristida purpurea*



- Perennial grass  
2 ft x 1 ft
- Full sun
- Very low water
- Lacy purple seed head  
spring-early fall
- Salt tolerant
- Deer resistant
- Native on Gulf coast



## Yellow Indiangrass

*Sorghastrum nutans*



- Rhizomatous perennial grass 3-8 ft x 1 ft
- Sun/part shade/shade
- Low water
- Fall seed heads
- Native throughout Gulf coast & Texas

