



BLUE GRAMA

PRIMARY USES

Blue grama grows as a bunchgrass that does very well under heavy grazing and a great sod former. Blue grama is also suitable for grass mixtures to be used in erosion control, low maintenance turf plantings, and surface mine revegetation.

DESCRIPTION

Blue Grama, *Bouteloua gracilis*, is a major warm season grass found throughout the Great Plains. The plant is fairly short, reaching 10 to 20 inches with narrow basal leaves of 3 to 6 inches. Blue grama grows in definite bunches and reproduces by tillering and by seed. Mature seed heads are curved, resembling a human eyebrow. Blue grama can be found growing in association with buffalograss, western wheatgrass, needlegrasses and in some areas the bluegrasses.

PLANTING/SWING GUIDE

USDA recommends planting 1.5 pls/acre for grazing or hay. 2.0 pls/1000 Sq. Feet is recommended for turf or yards.

VARIETIES

- Lovington
- Hachita
- Alma
- Bad River Ecotype

BENEFITS

- Perennial
- Meet and potatoes category for grazing cattle
- Relatively easily to establish
- Very self-reliant
- Responds well to fertilizing
- Drought tolerant

All varieties originate from New Mexico except Bad River which originates from South Dakota, but have done well in Texas, Kansas, Missouri.



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