

Conservation Landscaping for the Lake Tahoe Basin



Slope Stabilization - Grasses

For Erosion
Control



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Achnatherum hymenoides (Indian ricegrass): native, 1'-2.5' height, sun, low water needs, drought tolerant, 2 years for full establishment, great wildlife plant



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Deschampsia cespitosa (tufted hairgrass): native, 1'-2' height, sun to part shade, medium water needs, long-lived perennial bunch grass



Elymus lanceolatus ssp. *psammophilus* 'Sodar' ('Sodar' streambank wheatgrass): adapted, 1' height, sun to part shade, low to medium water needs, drought tolerant, long-lived spreading grass



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Bromus marginatus (mountain brome): native, 2'-3' height, sun to part shade, medium water needs, establishes quickly, short-lived perennial bunch grass



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Elymus elymoides (squirreltail): native, 1.5' height, sun, minimal water needs, drought tolerant, perennial bunch grass



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Elymus glaucus (blue wildrye): native, 2'-4' height, part shade, medium soil moisture, drought tolerant, rapid growth, good for disturbed areas, perennial bunch grass, attractive specimen plant



Elymus trachycaulus 'Revenue' ('Revenue' slender wheatgrass): native, 2'-3' height, sun to shade, medium water needs, drought tolerant, short-lived bunch grass

(not shown)

Festuca brevipila (hard fescue): adapted, 1' height, sun, minimal to medium water needs, drought tolerant, establishes quickly, long-lived perennial bunch grass, good for harsh sites, can be used as a turf grass

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Festuca ovina (sheep fescue): adapted, 2' height, sun to part shade, medium water needs, drought tolerant, perennial bunch grass



Festuca rubra ssp. ('Boreal' creeping red fescue): native, 1'-3' height, sun to shade, moderate water needs, moderately drought tolerant, rapid growth, short lived perennial spreading grass, can be used as a turf grass



Poa segunda 'Sherman'..('Sherman')..big bluegrass): native, 1'-2' height, sun to shade, moderate to high water needs, long-lived perennial bunch grass



Poa secunda (Sandberg bluegrass): native, 1 1/2' height, sun to shade, minimal to medium water needs, drought tolerant, long-lived perennial bunch grass



Thinopyrum intermedium 'Luna' ('Luna' pubescent wheatgrass): adapted, 3'-4' height, sun, medium water needs, drought tolerant, rapid growth, long-lived spreading grass, good for harsh sites



Thinopyrum intermedium 'Tegmar' (dwarf intermediate wheatgrass): adapted, 3'-4' height, sun, minimal water needs, drought tolerant, perennial, spreading

Note: Depending on site specific conditions, cultural practices, and individual seed or plant vigor; plant establishment, needs and care may vary. This is not a complete list.

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