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SEED DESCRIPTIONS

We source all our bulk and bagged grass seed from Southwest Seed in Dolores, CO.
We can order seed if a particular variety is not available in store.

Turf Mixes

Soccer Mix

A sod-forming Kentucky Bluegrass with deep green color and fine leaf blades. This is an irrigated lawn mixture that is popular on the Western Slope of Colorado, and NW New Mexico. Creeping Red Fescue is included to enhance the shady portions of the lawn.

Zone	Precipitation	Species	Seeding Rate
4,5,6,7	30"-40" Water 2-3x/week or daily during hot months	70% Kentucky Bluegrass 15% Creeping Red Fescue 15% Perennial Ryegrass	5-8lbs/1,000ft ²

Tall Turf Fescue (Formerly Winner's Circle)

A bunch type, dark green turf grass which overall will use less water than Kentucky Bluegrass, yet will produce a normal, healthy lawn. The deeper roots of fescue are able to utilize moisture deep in the ground which does not evaporate as quickly. Tall fescue requires deep watering on a less frequent basis to keep it looking bright and green.

Zone	Precipitation	Species	Seeding Rate
4,5,6,7	24"-35" Watering 1x/week for 2+ hours	100% Premium Turf Type Tall Fescue	8-10lbs/1,000 ft ²

Perennial Rye (Turf Type)

This is a fast growing, bunch type, dark green, fine-leaved turf grass for irrigated lawns. Like Winner's Circle Fescue Mix, Perennial Rye requires less water than Bluegrass because of the deeper root structure. Unlike Fescue, Perennial Rye can be mowed to a height of as little as 1" to give a 'golf course' effect.

Zone	Precipitation	Species	Seeding Rate
4,5,6,7	25"-35"	100% Perennial rye	8-10lbs/1,000 ft ²



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Dryland Turf (Drought Tolerant)

Sheep Fescue

This is a low maintenance, short bunch grass designed for turf applications. It has a blue-green color and is drought resistant. Like all cool season grasses, Sheep Fescue will become dormant in the summer unless the lawn is watered.

Zone	Precipitation	Seeding Rate
3,4,5,6,7	12"-15"	1lb/1,000ft ²

Crested Wheatgrass *Agropyron cistatum*

This is a drought tolerant, short pasture grass which is also very useful as a low maintenance turf. Crested Wheatgrass is great for lawns where water or desire for yard work is limited. If a green lawn is important, some watering is needed, but the amount is minor when compared to other lawns.

Zone	Precipitation	Seeding Rate
3,4,5,6	8"-20"	4lbs/1,000 ft ²

Thickspike Wheatgrass *Elymus macrourus*

This is a drought tolerant, reclamation grass which can also be used as a low maintenance turf. Thickspike Wheatgrass is a cool season, sod forming grass that is medium green. It can handle a medium amount of traffic.

Zone	Precipitation	Seeding Rate
3,4,5,6	8"-12"	5lbs/1,000 ft ²

Buffalo Grass *Boueloua dactyloides*

A warm season, native, blue-green, spreading, dense turf grass for lower than 6,500ft elevation. Buffalo grass produces an attractive low growing, high traffic turf with far fewer watering needs. Does not green up until May. Relatively easy to establish as a lawn or in pastures with heavy soils.

Zone	Precipitation	Seeding Rate
5,6,7,8	10" minimum	2-3lbs/1,000 ft ²

Blue Grama *Bouteloua gracilis*

State grass for CO and NM. A warm season grass similar to Buffalo Grass, it has low water needs but a lower traffic tolerance and is slower to spread. Strongly prefers alkaline soils and full sun. Has strong ability to withstand drought by going semi-dormant. Often added to mixtures to help erosion control.

Zone	Precipitation	Seeding Rate
6,7	7" minimum	2-3lbs/1,000 ft ²



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Other Standard Mixes

Alkali Seed Mix

The SW Colorado, soils derived from the Mancos Shale are commonly high in sodium salts. The species in this mix have higher salt tolerance. The water requirements are minimal, but the grasses can withstand short periods of flooding.

Zone	Precipitation	Species	Seeding Rate
4	15"-20"	25% Tall Wheatgrass 25% Tall Fescue 15% Slender Wheatgrass 15% Alkali Grass 15% Russian Wildrye 5% Strawberry Clover	15-20lbs/acre

Edgemont Highlands Mix

This blend of warm and cool season grasses allows for early spring greening. Many grasses in this blend are ornamental, giving a diverse array of color.

Zone	Precipitation	Species	Seeding Rate
3,4	16"-18"	25% Slender Wheatgrass 20% Mountain Brome 15% Thickspike Wheatgrass 15% Western Wheatgrass 10% Indian Ricegrass 5% Green Needlegrass 5% Sideoats Grama 5% Blue Grama	1-3lbs/1,000ft ²

High Elevation Mix

This mix consists of native species naturally found in elevations above 8,000ft.

Zone	Precipitation	Species	Seeding Rate
3,4	18"	25% Mountain Brome 15% Slender Wheatgrass 15% Lewis Flax 10% Western Wheatgrass 5% Canby Bluegrass 5% Indian Ricegrass 5% Alpine Bluegrass 5% Beardless Wheatgrass 5% Junegrass 5% Rocky Mountain Penstemon	1lb/1,000ft ²



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Foothills Native Mix

This mix represents the main species found in the upper pinion/Juniper to the Ponderosa zones. The species in this mix are natives naturally found in these environments. Very drought tolerant mixture.

Zone	Precipitation	Species	Seeding Rate
3,4	12"	40% Slender Wheatgrass 20% Indian Ricegrass 10% Sandberg Bluegrass 10% Arizona Fescue 10% Lewis Flax	1lb/1,000ft ²

Low Grow/Maintenance Mix

This combination of low growing, drought tolerant species produces a meadow effect. Some irrigation is necessary to keep the plants from going dormant in the dry months. This is a good mix for a wide range of elevations.

Zone	Precipitation	Species	Seeding Rate
3,4,5	12"-15"	30% Crested Wheatgrass 20% Canada Bluegrass 20% Sheep Fescue 20% Hard Fescue 10% Lewis Flax	1-2lbs/1,000ft ²

Mountain Meadow Mix

This mix includes native and non-native grasses for 7,500ft and higher elevations.

Zone	Precipitation	Species	Seeding Rate
3,4	16"-18"	30% Slender Wheatgrass 25% Mountain Brome 15% Kentucky Bluegrass 15% Perennial Ryegrass 15% Timothy	1lb/1,000ft ²

Native Eco Mix

This is a less expensive, tall growing, native mix for 7,500 ft or higher elevation. Attracts wildlife and produces a meadow effect. Grows 2 ½ ft tall.

Zone	Precipitation	Species	Seeding Rate
3,4	16"-18"	35% Slender Wheatgrass 35% Mountain Brome 10% Bluebunch Wheatgrass 10% Canada Wildrye 10% Lewis Flax	2lbs/1,000ft ²



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Cover Crops

Cover Crop Cocktail Mix

This mix is an Annuals combination of warm season and cool season grasses, legumes, broadleaf plants, and small grains. This cover crop cocktail mix provides diversity in the form of root growth, positive microorganisms, fungi, and above ground green growth, which all decomposes to increase organic matter in the soil. Cover crops are essential to build robust, healthy soil for organic gardening. Additionally, this cover crops can reduce erosion, smother weeds, enhance nutrient and moisture availability, regulate soil temperature, control pests, and enhance general soil profile. The Cover Crop Cocktail is designed for the Southwest but is not appropriate for areas without supplemental moisture.

Zone	Precipitation	Species	Seeding Rate
4,5	16"-18"	20% Spring Field Peas 15% Buckwheat 10% Hairy Vetch 10% Lentils 10% German Millet 10% Annual Ryegrass 7% Berseem Clover 4% Forage Radish 4% Forage Turnips 4% Forage Collards 4% Mustard 2% Flax	2lbs/1,000ft ²

White Dutch Clover

White Dutch clover is a low growing, introduced, perennial, stoloniferous legume that is highly palatable and nutritious. It stays low growing, so it is not especially useful for pasture/hay fields. White Dutch has a relatively shallow (2' maximum) root system but it can form a dense mat proving useful for erosion control. It requires moist soils to thrive, but in the presence of good moisture it can overtake all other grasses and plants. Being stoloniferous, White Dutch will spread easily which is great for a monostand, but can stifle out other grasses in a mix if it gets too much water. White Dutch clover is typically used for clover turfs, in vineyards and orchards and as ground cover.

Zone	Precipitation	Species	Seeding Rate
4,5,6	35"	100% White Dutch Clover	2lbs/acre



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Pasture Mixes

Irrigated Pasture

This mixture of cool season forage grasses can be used for either pasture or hay. It requires irrigation but will work at any elevation.

Zone	Precipitation	Species	Seeding Rate
2,3,4	20"-25"	30% Tall Fescue 20% Perennial Rye 20% Annual Rye 20% Orchard Grass 10% Smooth Brome	Pasture: 20lbs/acre Hay Production: 25lbs/acre

Dryland Pasture

This inexpensive mix is good for pasture for sheep, cattle, horses, etc., when you cannot irrigate the land.

Zone	Precipitation	Species	Seeding Rate
4	10"	25% Pubescent Wheatgrass 25% Smooth Brome 20% Paiute Orchard Grass 15% Crested Wheatgrass 5% Annual Rye	15-20lbs/acre



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Wildflower Mixes

Heidi's Highlands

Heidi's is a combination of perennial and annual wildflowers with a sparse addition of perennial, non-competing, native grasses which are packaged separately to allow optional use. The species selected are all reasonably drought tolerant, hardy, and easily germinated from seed.

Zone	Precipitation	Seeding Rate
3,4,5	15"-20"	0.25lbs/1,000 ft ²

Wildflower Varieties		
Species	Type	Color
Bachelor Button	Annual	Blue
Scarlet Flax	Annual	Scarlet
California Poppy	Annual	Orange
Black-eyed Susan	Perennial	Yellow
White Yarrow	Perennial	White
Shasta Daisy	Perennial	White
Lewis Flax	Perennial	Sky Blue
Rocky Mountain Penstemon	Perennial	Blue/Purple
Purple Aster	Perennial	Purple

Betty's Borders

Betty's is a combination of perennial and annuals wildflowers with a sparse addition of perennial, non-competing grasses. The species selected are all drought resistant, hardy, and easily germinated from seed.

Zone	Precipitation	Seeding Rate
5,6,7	12"-15"	0.25lbs/1,000 ft ²

Wildflower Varieties		
Species	Type	Color
Plains Coreopsis	Annual	Yellow/Red
Scarlet Flax	Annual	Scarlet
Bachelor Button	Annual	Blue
Lewis Flax	Perennial	Sky Blue
Tansy Aster	Perennial	Lavender
Red Mexican hat	Perennial	Red
Blanket Flower	Perennial	Red/Yellow
Black-Eyed Susan	Perennial	Yellow
Shasta Daisy	Perennial	White



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Pollinator Feast

This mix is designed for our arid Southwest landscapes but recognizes the importance of pollinators. A blend of flowers that will bloom throughout the season, this mix is relatively drought tolerant, but will do best with a limited amount of supplemental moisture during dry periods.

Zone	Precipitation	Seeding Rate
4,5,6	15"-20"	0.4lbs/1,000 ft ²
Wildflower Varieties		
Species	Type	Color
Rocky Mountain Beeplant	Annual	Pink
California Poppy	Annual	Orange
Annual Sunflower	Annual	Yellow
Showy Goldeneye	Perennial	Yellow
Arrowleaf Balsamroot	Perennial	Yellow
Blanket Flower	Perennial	Yellow/Red
Palmer Penstemon	Perennial	Pink
Perennial Lupine	Perennial	Purple
Rocky Mountain Penstemon	Perennial	Purple, Blue
White Yarrow	Perennial	White

Sadie's Shade

Sadie's Shade is a designed for areas that get more shade than sunlight. This mix includes more annuals than perennials. You will need to reseed each year, or at the very least, scratch fallen seeds back into the soil to increase chance of germination.

Zone	Precipitation	Seeding Rate
5,6,7	20"	0.25lbs/1,000 ft ²
Wildflower Varieties		
Species	Type	Color
Baby's Breath	Annual	White
Monkeyflower	Annual	Cream/yellow/red
Candytufts	Annual	White/Pink/Violet
Corn Poppy	Annual	White/Pink/Red
Chinese House	Annual	White/Violet
Spurred Snapdragon	Annual	Pink/Yellow/Violet
Clarkia	Annual	Pink/Lavender
Rocket Larkspur	Annual	White/Pink/Blue/Violet
Baby Blue Eyes	Annual	Blue
Chinese Forget-me-not	Annual/Biennial	Blue
Forget-me-not	Annual/Biennial	Blue
Johnny Jump-ups	Annual/Perennial	Purple/Yellow/Blue
Purple Coneflower	Perennial	Purple
Tussock Bell-flower	Perennial	Lavender-Blue
Dwarf Columbine	Perennial	Red/Violet/Blue/Pink/White
Sweet Williams Pinks	Perennial	Pink/Red/White
Lanceleafed Coreopsis	Perennial	Yellow
Shasta Daisy	Perennial	White