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Native Turf and Groundcover Recommendations Communities in the Bay Area

This area is located in the Central California Foothills and Coastal Mountains ecoregion of Mediterranean California.

Good individual species substitutes for Bermudagrass include:

Danthonia californica (California oatgrass)

Festuca rubra (red fescue)

Agrostis pallens (thingrass)

Deschampsia caespitosa (tufted hair-grass)

Carex praegracilis (clustered field sedge)

Juncus tenuis (path/poverty rush)

Koeleria macrantha (Junegrass)

Festuca idahoensis (Idaho fescue)

Seed mixes that contain some combinations of the above species include:

Hedgerow Farms/Nature's Seed Native Fine Fescue Mix

<https://naturesseed.com/grass-seed/fescue-grass/native-fine-fescue-mix/>

Larner Seeds Beginner's Bunchgrass Collection

<https://larnerseeds.com/products/beginners-bunchgrass-collection-1>

Pacific Coast Seed Ornamental Fescue Mix

<https://www.pcseed.com/native-grasses/>

Other (non-native) turfgrass alternatives:

Northwest Meadowsapes Conservation Seed Co. Nearly Native Bee Lawn Seed Mix

<https://northwestmeadowsapes.com/collections/specialty-native-seed-mixes-for-pollinators-and-more/products/bee-lawn-seed-mix>

S&S Seeds Native Fescue Mix - not all species are native

<https://www.ssseeds.com/house-mixes/>

Pacific Coast Seed No-Mow Mix – not all species are native

<https://www.pcseed.com/turf/>

Zoysia sp. (Zoysiagrass) - an Asian introduction with many varieties that withstands drought but will go dormant