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## Native Turf and Groundcover Recommendations Communities near Denver, CO

This area is located in the High Plains Ecoregion within the larger Great Plains Ecoregion, at the edge of the Rocky Mountain Ecoregion.

Good individual species substitutes for Bermudagrass include:

*Festuca rubra* (red fescue)

*Deschampsia caespitosa* (tufted hair-grass)

*Carex praegracilis* (clustered field sedge)

*Juncus tenuis* (path/poverty rush)

*Koeleria macrantha* (Junegrass)

*Bouteloua dactyloides* (buffalograss)

*Bouteloua gracilis* (blue grama)

*Bouteloua curtipendula* var. *curtipendula* (side oats grama)

*Festuca idahoensis* (Idaho fescue)

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

Southwest Seed Inc. – request custom mix

<https://www.southwestseed.com/seed-mix/>

Granite Seed/ Nature's Seed – request custom mix

<https://graniteseed.com/seed/turfgrasses/>

Native American Seed's Native Sun Turf Grass mix [https://www.seedsource.com/catalog/detail.asp?product\\_id=2850](https://www.seedsource.com/catalog/detail.asp?product_id=2850)

Bamert Seed Company's Native Turf Blend

<https://shop.bamertseed.com/collections/urban-habitat/products/native-turf-blend>

Other (non-native) turfgrass alternatives:

*Festuca ovina* (sheep fescue)

*Thymus sp.* (thyme)

*Zoysia sp.* (Zoysiagrass)

Native American Seed's Thunder Turf Grass mix [https://www.seedsource.com/catalog/detail.asp?product\\_id=2855](https://www.seedsource.com/catalog/detail.asp?product_id=2855)