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Native Turf and Groundcover Recommendations Communities near Houston, TX

This area is located in the Western Gulf Plain within the Great Plains Ecoregion.

Good individual species substitutes for Bermudagrass include:

Bouteloua dactyloides (buffalograss) - native to Austin, Dallas, and Houston areas

Bouteloua curtipendula var. *curtipendula* (side oats grama) - native to Austin, Dallas, and Houston areas (this variety is rhizomatous rather than clumping)

(*Bouteloua gracilis* (blue grama) - native to Austin area and close to Dallas, but could be used)

(*Hilaria belangeri* (curly mesquite) - native to Austin area, but could be used)

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

(Native American Seed's Native Sun Turf Grass mix https://www.seedsource.com/catalog/detail.asp?product_id=2850 – not all species native to Houston area, but could still be used)

(Native American Seed's Thunder Turf Grass mix https://www.seedsource.com/catalog/detail.asp?product_id=2855 – not all species native to Houston area, but could still be used)

(Bamert Seed Company's Native Turf Blend

<https://shop.bamertseed.com/collections/urban-habitat/products/native-turf-blend> – not all species native to Houston area, but could still be used)

(*Stenotaphrum secundatum* (St. Augustine grass) is by some accounts native to the southeastern US, and by others considered adventive. At the very least, it should be considered more favorable to use than the invasive *Cynodon dactylon* (Bermudagrass).)