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Native Turf and Groundcover Recommendations Communities near Phoenix, AZ

This area is in the North American Desert ecoregion, and borders the Temperate Sierras ecoregion near to where it converges with the Southern Semi-Arid Highlands.

Good individual species substitutes for Bermudagrass include:

Festuca rubra (red fescue)

Koeleria macrantha (Junegrass)

Bouteloua gracilis (blue grama)

Hilaria belangeri (curly mesquite)

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

Bouteloua dactyloides (buffalograss)

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.seedsources.com/catalog/detail.asp?product_id=2850

Native American Seed's Thunder Turf Grass mix https://www.seedsources.com/catalog/detail.asp?product_id=2855

Bamert Seed Company's Native Turf Blend

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

Other (non-native) turfgrass alternatives:

Festuca idahoensis (Idaho fescue) – native to western US, just not in southern Arizona

Festuca ovina (sheep fescue)

Thymus sp. (thyme)

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