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Native Turf and Groundcover Recommendations Communities near Raleigh, NC

This area is located in the Piedmont within the [Eastern Temperate Forests Ecoregion](#).

Good individual species that are native substitutes for Bermudagrass include:

Aristida stricta (wiregrass)

Deschampsia flexuosa (wavy hair grass)

Eragrostis refracta (coastal lovegrass)

Eragrostis spectabilis (purple lovegrass)

Juncus tenuis (path/poverty rush)

Sporobolus junceus (pinewoods dropseed)

Carex albicans (white-tinge sedge)

Carex bromoides (brome sedge)

Carex pensylvanica (Pennsylvania sedge)

Carex radiata (Eastern star sedge)

Blooming low native groundcover alternatives:

Salvia lyrata (lyreleaf sage)

Sisyrinchium angustifolium (blue-eyed grass)

Viola soraria (common blue violet)

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

Prescribed lawn-alternative seed mixes do not seem to be available in North Carolina. We suggest contacting one of these seed suppliers to obtain individual seed species or create a customized mix comprised of some of the individual species listed above.

Garrett Wildflower Seed Farm

<https://garrettseed.com/product-category/native-grasses/>

Southern Habitats Native Wildlife Solutions

<https://southernhabitats.com/native-plants-and-seeds-for-sale/>

The Natives

<http://www.thenatives.net/Restoration-/Seed-Mixes/seed-mixes.html>

Florida Wildflowers Growers Cooperative

<https://www.floridawildflowers.com/southeast-region-seed-mixes/>

Ernst Conservation Seeds

<https://www.ernstseed.com/>

Pinelands Nursery & Supply

<https://www.pinelandsnursery.com/seed>

Other (non-native) turfgrass alternatives:

Stenotaphrum secundatum (St. Augustine grass)

Zoysia sp. (Zoysiagrass)

Festuca rubra (red fescue)

Trifolium repens (white clover)

Poa pratensis (Kentucky blue grass)

Lolium perenne (perennial rye grass)

Thymus sp. (creeping thyme)

Ernst Seeds 5311 Conservation Mix

<https://www.ernstseed.com/product/5311-conservation-mix/>