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Native Turf and Groundcover Recommendations Communities in Southern California

This area is located in the Southern California/ Northern Baja Coast ecoregion of [Mediterranean California](#).

Good individual species substitutes for Bermudagrass include:

Festuca rubra (red fescue)

Agrostis pallens (thingrass)

Deschampsia caespitosa (tufted hair-grass)

Carex praegracilis (clustered field sedge)

Koeleria macrantha (Junegrass)

Bouteloua gracilis (blue grama)

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

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

Prescribed lawn-alternative seed mixes do not seem to be available in Southern California. 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.

Hedgerow Farms

<https://hedgerowfarms.com/local-ecotype/>

Larner Seeds

<https://larnerseeds.com/collections/grasses>

Pacific Coast Seed

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

Other (non-native) turfgrass alternatives:

Festuca idahoensis (Idaho fescue) – native to western US, specifically in northern CA's Sierra foothills and Coast Ranges

Bouteloua dactyloides (buffalograss)

Thymus sp. (thyme)

Lolium arundinaceum (tall fescue) - cool-season grass native to Europe and introduced to CA

Lolium perenne (perennial rye grass) - native to Europe, Asia and northern Africa, but is widely cultivated and naturalized

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

Northwest Meadows Apes 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>

Pacific Coast Seed Ornamental Fescue Mix – one species not native to SoCal but native elsewhere on west coast

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

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/>

Native American Seed's Native Sun Turf Grass mix https://www.seedsource.com/catalog/detail.asp?product_id=2850

Native American Seed's Thunder Turf Grass mix https://www.seedsource.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>