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<i>Aristida</i>	<i>purpurea</i>		Purple Three-awn	VL	Warm-season Grass, Evergreen Perennial	FS	3B-24	2-2.5' T / W	5	Purplish / Summer, Fall		Y	Y	Y			
<i>Bouteloua</i>	<i>gracilis</i>	& cvs.	Blue Grama	L	Warm-season Grass, Semi-evergreen to Deciduous	FS	1-3, 7-11, 14, 18-21	1.5-2' T / 1' W	1	Reddish to White / Summer	Y	Y		Y		Y	
<i>Bouteloua</i>	<i>gracilis</i>	'Blonde Ambition'	Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass	L	Warm-season Grass, Semi-evergreen to Deciduous	FS	1-3, 7-11, 14, 18-21	2.5-3' T / W	6	Chartreuse to Buff / Summer, Fall, Winter				Y			
<i>Calamagrostis</i>	<i>foliosa</i>		Leafy Reed Grass , Mendocino Reed Grass	M	Cool-season Grass, Semi-evergreen	FS/PS	9, 14, 15	1' T / 2' W	3	Silver / Spring	Y	Y					
<i>Calamagrostis</i>	<i>x acutiflora</i>	& cvs.	Feather Reed Grass	L	Cool-season Grass, Semi-evergreen Perennial	FS/PS	2B-24	3' T / W	7	Purple-tinged to Buff / Summer				Y			
<i>Calamagrostis</i>	<i>x acutiflora</i>	'Karl Foerster'	Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass	L	Cool-season Grass, Semi-evergreen	FS/PS	2B-24	5-6' T / 1.5-2.5' W	3	Purple-tinged to Buff / Summer				Y	Y	Y	
<i>Calamagrostis</i>	<i>x acutiflora</i>	'Overdam'	Overdam Feather Reed Grass	L	Cool-season Grass, Semi-evergreen Perennial	FS	2B-24	2-2.5' T / 2' W	3	Pinkish-green, Golden / Summer, Fall	Y		Y	Y	Y		
<i>Carex</i>	<i>buchananii</i>		Leather Leaf Sedge , Curly Top Sedge	M	Cool-season Sedge, Evergreen	FS/PS	2B-9, 14-24	3' T / 2.5' W	5	Green / Summer / Insignificant				Y		Y	
<i>Carex</i>	<i>morrowii</i>	'Ice Dance'	Ice Dance Japanese Sedge	M	Cool-season Sedge, Evergreen to Semi-evergreen	PS/SH	2B-9, 14-24	1-2' T / W	2	Insignificant				Y		Y	
<i>Carex</i>	<i>oshimensis</i>	'Evergold'	Variegated Japanese Sedge	L	Cool-season Sedge, Evergreen	SH	3-9, 14-24	1-2' T / 2-3' W	5					Y		Y	
<i>Carex</i>	<i>oshimensis</i>	'Everillo' PP# 21,002	EverColor® Everillo Carex	L	Cool-season Sedge, Evergreen	PS/SH	3-9, 14-24	1-1.5' T / W	2					Y			
<i>Carex</i>	<i>oshimensis</i>	'Eversheen' PPAF	EverColor® Eversheen Carex	L	Cool-season Sedge, Evergreen	PS/SH	3-9, 14-24	1-1.5' T / W	2					Y			
<i>Carex</i>	<i>pansa</i>		California Meadow Sedge , Sand Dune Sedge	M	Cool-season, Semi-evergreen, Summer Deciduous	FS/PS	7-9, 11-24	6-12" T / Spreading 2' W	3	White, Golden-Tan, Spring	Y	Y				Y	Y

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<i>Carex</i>	<i>praegracilis</i>		Clustered Field Sedge, California Field Sedge, Slender Sedge	M	Cool-season Sedge, Evergreen	FS/PS	6-14, 18-21	1' T / 2-3' W	2	Green to Reddish- brown / Spring					Y	Y
<i>Carex</i>	<i>tumulicola</i>		Berkeley Sedge	L	Sedge, Evergreen Grass,	FS/PS	2B-9, 11-24	1.5' T / 2' W	3	Green / Spring Yellow / Spring, Summer		Y	Y		Y	Y
<i>Festuca</i>	<i>californica</i>		California Fescue	L	Evergreen	PS	4-9, 14-24	2-3' T / 1-2' W	2		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
<i>Festuca</i>	<i>glauca</i>		Blue Fescue	L	Cool-season Grass, Semi- evergreen	FS/PS	1 to 24	1' T / W	1	Green, Buff / Summer	Y		Y			
<i>Festuca</i>	<i>glauca</i>	'Beyond Blue' PP# AF23307	Beyond Blue Fescue	L	Cool-season Grass, Evergreen	PS	1 to 24	1' T / 1.5' W	2	Inconspicuous, Tan / Late Spring, Early Summer	Y		Y			
<i>Festuca</i>	<i>glauca</i>	'Elijah Blue'	Elijah Blue Fescue	L	Grass, Evergreen	FS/PS	1 to 24	1' T / 1-2' W	2	Green to Buff / Summer	Y		Y			
<i>Festuca</i>	<i>idahoensis</i>	'Siskyou Blue'	Siskyou Blue Idaho Fescue	L	Cool-season Grass, Evergreen	PS	1-10, 14-24	2' T / W	3	Wheat / Spring, Summer	Y	Y	Y		Y	
<i>Festuca</i>	<i>mairei</i>		Maire's Fescue, Atlas Fescue	L	Grass, Evergreen	FS/PS	2 to 11, 14 to 24	2-3' T / W	5	Gray-green, Golden / Summer	Y		Y			
<i>Festuca</i>	<i>rubra</i>	'Molate', 'Point Molate'	Creeping Red Fescue, Molate Red Fescue	M	Cool-season Grass, Evergreen	FS/PS	A2, A3, 1-10, 14-24	12-18" T / W	1	Greenish-tan / Spring, Summer	Y	Y	Y		Y	
<i>Helictotrichon</i>	<i>sempervirens</i>		Blue Oat Grass	L	Grass, Evergreen to Semi-evergreen warm-season	FS/PS	1-12, 14-24	2-3' T / W	5	Light Blue, Buff / Spring, Summer	Y		Y			
<i>Leymus</i>	<i>condensatus</i>	'Canyon Prince'	Canyon Prince Wild Rye	L	Grass, Evergreen	FS/PS	7-12, 14-24	2-5' T / 3' W	7	Wheat / Summer, Fall	Y	Y		Y		
<i>Miscanthus</i>	<i>sinensis</i>	'Adagio'	Adagio Maiden Grass	M	warm-season Grass, Deciduous	FS/PS	2 to 24	2-3' T / 3-4' W	10	Pinkish Bronzy / Summer, Fall			Y	Y		
<i>Miscanthus</i>	<i>sinensis</i>	'Morning Light'	Morning Light Maiden Grass	M	Warm-season Grass, Semi- evergreen	FS	2 to 24	5' T / 3-4' W	10	Pinkish Reddish Brown / Summer, Fall			Y	Y		
<i>Muhlenbergia</i>	<i>capillaris</i>	& cvs.	Hairy Awn Muhly, Pink Muhly, White Cloud	L	warm-season Grass, Perennial, Semi- evergreen	FS	4 to 24	2-4' T / W	7	Pink, White / Fall	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
<i>Muhlenbergia</i>	<i>capillaris</i>	'Regal Mist'	Pink Muhly Regal Mist	L	warm-season Grass, Perennial, Semi- evergreen	FS	4 to 24	3-4' T / 4' W	13	Pink / Fall	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
<i>Muhlenbergia</i>	<i>dubia</i>		Pine Muhly	L	warm-season Grass, Evergreen	FS	3B, 7-24	2-3' T / W	5	Tan / Summer, Fall	Y		Y			
<i>Muhlenbergia</i>	<i>lindheimeri</i>		Lindheimer Muhly	L	Warm-season Grass, Semi- evergreen	FS/PS	6 to 24	3-6' T / 3-4' W	10	Purplish-gray / Fall	Y		Y			

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<i>Muhlenbergia</i>	<i>rigens</i>		Deer Grass	L	Warm-season Grass, Evergreen	FS/PS	4 to 24	2-3' T / W	5	Golden to Purplish / Summer, Fall	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	
<i>Muhlenbergia</i>	<i>reverchonii</i>	'Undaunted', 'PUND01S'	Undaunted Ruby Muhly	L	Warm-season Grass, Evergreen Perennial	FS	7 to 24	2-3' T / W	5	Ruby, Tan / Late Summer, Fall	Y		Y				
<i>Ophiopogon</i>	<i>japonicus</i>		Mondo Grass	M	Perennial, Evergreen	PS/SH	5-9, 14-24, H1, H2	6-8" T / 1' W	1	Lilac / Summer							
<i>Pennisetum</i>	<i>alopecuroides</i>	'Little Bunny'	Little Bunny Fountain Grass	L	Warm-season Grass, Perennial	FS/PS	2B-24	1.5' T / 1.5-2' W	2	Greenish-white / Summer, Fall	Y		Y	Y			
<i>Pennisetum</i>	<i>orientale</i>		Oriental Fountain Grass Chinese Fountain Grass	L	Warm-season Grass, Perennial	FS	3-10, 14-24	2' T / 2.5' W	5	Pinkish / Spring, Fall			Y				
<i>Pennisetum</i>	<i>orientale</i>	'Karley Rose'	Karley Rose Oriental Fountain Grass	L	Warm-season Grass, Semi-evergreen Perennial	FS	3-10, 14-24	2' T / 2.5' W	5	Rose-purple, Tannish Brown / Summer, Fall	Y		Y				
<i>Rhynchelytrum (Melinus)</i>	<i>nerviglume (nerviglumis)</i>		Rubygrass , Natal Ruby Grass , Pink Crystals	M	Cool-season Grass, Evergreen Perennial	FS	2B-24, H1, H2	1-2' T / W	2	Ruby Pink to White / Spring, Summer						Y	
<i>Sporobolus</i>	<i>airoides</i>		Alkalai Sacaton	VL	Warm-season Grass, Perennial	FS	1 to 24	3-4' T / 2-3' W	5	Pinkish, Tan / Summer, Fall	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
<i>Sporobolus</i>	<i>wrightii</i>		Big Sacaton , Giant Sacaton , Wright's Dropseed	VL	Warm-season Grass, Semi-evergreen Perennial	FS/PS	3B, 7-16, 18, 24	5-6' T / 6' W	28	Yellow / Summer, Fall	Y	Y		Y			
<i>Stipa (Nassella)</i>	<i>gigantea</i>		Giant Feather Grass	L	Cool-season Grass, Evergreen	FS	4-9, 14-24	5-6' T / 4-6' W	20	Yellowish / Spring, Summer	Y			Y			
<i>Stipa</i>	<i>ichu</i>		Peruvian Feather Grass	VL	Cool-season Grass, Evergreen	FS/PS	4-9, 14-24	2-3' T / 1-2' W	2	Silvery-green / Summer	Y		Y				
<i>Stipa (Nassella)</i>	<i>pulchra</i>		Purple Needlegrass	VL	Cool-season Grass, Summer Dormant, Perennial	FS	5-9, 11, 14-24	1.5' T / 1' W	1	Purple, Silvery Tan / Winter, Spring	Y	Y	Y	Y			