

ALTERNATIVES TO OHIO'S INVASIVE GRASS SPECIES

INVASIVE SPECIES

Agropyron repens (quack-grass)
Bromus inermis (smooth brome)
Festuca arundinacea - Kentucky 31 (meadow fescue)
Festuca pratensis (meadow fescue)
Microstegium vimineum (Nepalgrass)
Miscanthus sinensis (Chinese silvergrass)
Phalaris arundinacea (reed canary grass) ***
Phragmites australis (common reed grass) ***
Sorghum halepense (Johnson grass)

NATIVE ALTERNATIVES

Dry Habitats:

Bouteloua curtipendula (side oats)
Chasmanthium latifolium (wild oats)
Eragrostis spectabilis (purple lovegrass)
Panicum virgatum (switchgrass)
Schizachrium scoparium (little bluestem)
Sorghastrum nutans (Indian grass)

Mesic to Wet Habitats:

Andropogon gerardii (big bluestem)
Calamagrostis canadensis (reed-grass)
Elymus canadensis (Canada rye)
Elymus hystrix (bottlebrush-grass)
Elymus virginicus (Virginia rye)
Panicum virgatum (switchgrass)
Sorghastrum nutans (Indian grass)
Spartina pectinata (prairie cord grass)
Tripsacum dactyloides (gama grass)

*** these species may have native and non-native strains in Ohio