Prairie Junegrass
*Koeleria macrantha*

**Description:** Perennial bunchgrass growing to 18 in. tall. Foliage is lighter green than most grasses. Seed heads are 5 in. long and held on long stems above the foliage.

**Habitat:** Prefers a well-drained site with regular moisture, but is very drought-tolerant. Full sun or partial shade.

**Landscape Uses:** This is a low-maintenance bunchgrass. Its best feature is the plume-like seedhead which sways in the wind. Suitable in a wildflower meadow or mixed with perennials to provide contrasting foliage.

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Sandberg Bluegrass

_Poa secunda_

**Description:** A low-growing, cool-season bunchgrass with seed stems to 16 in. tall. Fine green blades that sometimes have a purplish tinge arise from the base. Seed stems are very slender.

**Habitat:** Found in open areas and pine forests. Needs a well-drained soil that doesn’t become flooded. Drought-tolerant. Grow in sun to partial shade.

**Landscape Uses:** Sandberg bluegrass will green up earlier in the spring than many other grasses. Since the foliage stays fairly low, this might work best in a rock garden or near a perennial border with other low plants.

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Slender Wheatgrass
*Elymus trachycaulus*

**Description:** An upright, perennial bunchgrass growing 2-3 ft. tall. Foliage is green to blue-green. It is a short-lived species persisting 3-5 years, but reseeds readily.

**Habitat:** Drought-tolerant. Prefers soils that aren’t too sandy. Full sun.

**Landscape Uses:** A more substantial grass than most other native grasses, this one will add depth to a wildflower meadow when mixed with larger perennials.

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