

## GIANT WILD RYEGRASS

<b>Genus/species</b>	<i>Leymus condensatus</i>
<b>Synonyms</b>	Giant Wildrye
<b>Family</b>	Poaceae
<b>Distribution</b>	Coastal and Southern California
<b>Comments</b>	Giant Wild Ryegrass is an evergreen grass that grows 3-10 feet tall and 2-8 feet wide. It is drought tolerant, has no fragrance, and can be easily contained despite its growth via rhizomes. It is found in coastal sage scrub, chaparral, southern oak woodland, foothill woodland, and Joshua tree woodland areas of California. It is commonly used as a groundcover, in butterfly gardens, and in areas where deer make other grasses challenging. It has steel-blue foliage and wheat-colored flowers, making it a good choice for an ornamental grass. Canada Wild Ryegrass is highly cross-reactive with other temperate grass species.

