

## WESTERN WHEATGRASS

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| <b>Genus/species</b> | <i>Pascopyrum smithii</i>  |
| <b>Synonyms</b>      | Bluestem, Bluejoint Wheatgrass   |
| <b>Family</b>        | Poaceae  |
| <b>Distribution</b>  | Western Wheatgrass is found in most of the US with the exception of Hawaii, Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana   |
| <b>Comments</b>      | Western Wheatgrass is often used in grazing pastures and is palatable to wildlife and livestock. While slow to germinate, it is long-lived once established. Stems appear singly or in small clusters and to grow from 1 to 3 feet tall. The seed spike is stiff and about 2 to 6 inches. The ligule is inconspicuous and the blue-green leaves are flat and rough on the upper surface with very prominent veins. |

