

# Know Your Natives: A Pictorial Guide To California Native Grasses



tray, providing the opportunity to compare these species' growth and characteristics when planted on the same date and grown under the same conditions.

The backs of the fold-out comparison sheets will contain a glossary, plant part identification diagrams, seed mix and seeding rate sample calculations, sources for purchasing seed, information on the Yolo County Resource Conservation District, and references used in the writing of this guide.

## Missing information:

If there are blank spots after headings for a species, such as "Former names" or "Spikelets," this indicates that information on that aspect of the species may not be currently available.

Specific recommendations on seeding rates were intentionally left out. A listing of specific pounds per acre seeding rates for each type could end up being inappropriate for a given site, depending on the species used, site conditions, soil type, rainfall, prior vegetation, or fertility. Per-acre seeding rates for the species in this publication can range from 5 to 10 lbs. if planted in a mix, and 10 to 30 lbs. if planted alone. A more useful figure, which typically applies to cleaned seed, is the "number of live seeds per pound." Methods for calculating seeding rates using this figure are provided at the end of the manual.

Finally, it is the District's intention, when future grant opportunities become available, that additional grasses, native forbs, and other native plants will be added to the manual.

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