

Indian Grass

Sorghastrum nutans

-The silky-soft, golden seedheads of Indian Grass impart a special beauty and drama to restoration sites in autumn. Reaching 5-7 feet in height, it makes a powerful later season statement in the landscape. Mix with Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) for a fabulous fall combination. An important member of our native prairies, Indian Grass grows readily on any well-drained soil, from dry sand to heavy clay.

-Indian Grass grows best in full sun, but will tolerate very light shade.

-With most prairie plants, the majority of the biomass is underground. The average is approximately 66%. Indian Grass takes this evolutionary trait to the extreme. Truly wonderful to have next to a steep bank. It will help it stay in check.



When a soil loses fertility we pour on fertilizer, or at best alter its tame flora and fauna, without considering the fact that its wild flora and fauna, which built the soil to begin with, may likewise be important to its maintenance.

-Aldo Leopold

-The River of the Mother of God