



Know Your Grasses

s natural resource managers, we must understand what we manage, and plant identification is a key component of that understanding. The ability to identify plants allows us to assess many important rangeland

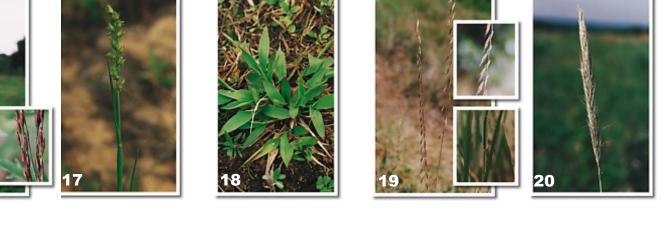
variables that are critical to proper management: range condition, proper stocking rates, forage production, wildlife habitat quality, and rangeland trend (upward or downward). Resource

managers, especially those interested in grazing management, often evaluate the presence or absence of many grass species as the first step in assessing these variables.

Pictured below are numerous photographs of grasses common to our area. How many can you identify? (Answers are at the bottom of page 2.) All photos by Stevens/Coffey.



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23. Texas grama

18. Scribner's panicum

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13. Plains bluestem

smary grama

3. Blue grama

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24. Tumble windmillgrass 25. Weeping lovegrass

20. Silver bluestem

15. Purple threeawn

10. Johnsongrass

5. Buffalograss

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4. Broomsedge bluestem

9. Indiangrass

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- 1. Barnyardgrass

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22. Tall dropseed

12. Little bluestem

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Z. Dallisgrass

2. Big bluestem

- Al. Knotroot bristlegrass

- 16. Purpletop

21. Switchgrass