


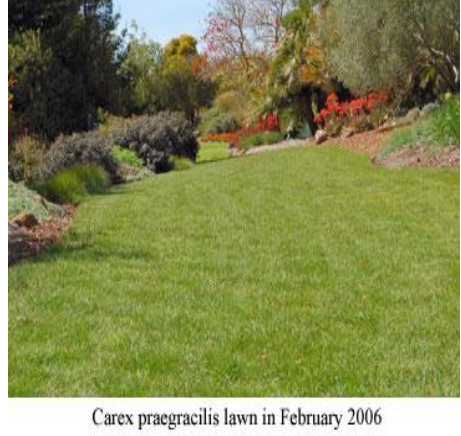








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Lawn Alternatives - Climate Appropriate Grasses and Ground Covers

<p>'UC Verde' Buffalo Grass</p> <p>Grown from plugs. Can be mowed like regular lawn. Available from Armstrong Nursery, FloraSource Ltd. & Todd Valley Farms</p>		
<p>Blue Grama grass, <i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> (pictured right)</p>		<p>You can mix blue grama and buffalo grass. Grama grass, <i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>, can be planted by seed during the summer (June/July). Then fill in with Buffalo grass, <i>Buchloe dactyloides</i> (native to western prairies, not CA).</p>

<p>Carex pansa</p>			<p>Installed as individual plugs</p> <p>Can be mowed or weed wacked once or twice a year.</p> <p>Available at nurseries such as Native Sons, Theodore Payne Foundation, Santa Ana Botanic Garden</p>
<p>Carex praegracilis</p>		 <p>Carex praegracilis lawn in February 2006</p>	<p>Installed as individual plugs</p> <p>Can be mowed or weed wacked once or twice a year - growing about 12" to 15" tall with a graceful, floppy habit.</p> <p>Available at nurseries such as Native Sons, Theodore Payne Foundation, Santa Ana Botanic Garden</p>
<p>Carex tumulicola</p>			<p>Installed as individual plugs</p> <p>Can be mowed or weed wacked once or twice a year. Can be used as lawn substitute in part sun or shady areas.</p> <p>Available at nurseries such as Native Sons, Theodore Payne Foundation, Santa Ana Botanic Garden</p>
<p>Carex caryophylla 'The Beatles'</p>			<p>Installed as individual plugs</p> <p>Can be mowed or weed wacked once or twice a year.</p> <p>Available at nurseries such as Native Sons, Theodore Payne Foundation, Santa Ana Botanic Garden</p>

“No Mow” Grass



Installed by seed
www.nomowgrass.com

Blend of bentgrass and fescue which grows to approximately 1-6” if not mowed or cut. If left to grow long they bunch up and could become tripping hazards.

Slope Saver®



Installed by sod, seed, hydroseeding.
<http://www.agronotec.com/slopesaver.html>

Blends of Fescues - Red, Sheep, Hard and Chewing which grow to approximately 16” if not mowed or cut. If left to grow long they bunch up and could become tripping hazards. Also available from Pacific Sod

Yarrow
Achillea millefolium



Start from seed (mix with sand) or use individual plugs; Mow about every 6 weeks. If the surface was not going to be walked on, the mowing intervals could be greatly extended. ‘King Edwards’ cultivar grows 6” max.

Available at nurseries such as Native Sons, Theodore Payne Foundation, Santa Ana Botanic Garden; FK nursery

Roman Chamomile

Anthemis nobilis
Chamaemelum nobile



Grow from seed. Seeds can be purchased online.

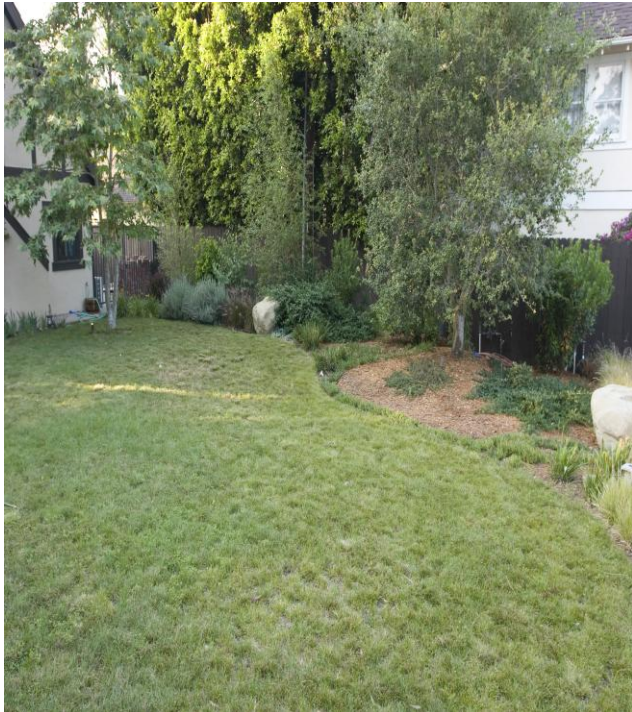
May require overhead watering to really fill in. Forms a thick, 6 inch mat of sweetly scented, finely-cut, bright green leaves. Tolerates light traffic.

Dymondia margaretae



Grow from flats. Makes a great plant in between permeable pavers like driveways, stepping stones, or out in the parkway. This is a slowly spreading, very flat (just a few inches tall at best) groundcover with green leaves on top and white underneath. Yellow daisy-like flowers bloom amongst the foliage in summer. Easy to find.

Sustainable Landscape Grant Gardens using climate appropriate plants



Carex pansa lawn



UC Verde Buffalo grass in parkway



Dymondia walkway



Yarrow in parkway with Dymondia among pavers