

## VI GRASSES OF OKLAHOMA

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This paper is a summary of the work that has been done by the writer on the grasses of Oklahoma since the fall of 1925.

Before proceeding it is well to mention the work done by others on the grasses of the state. The most outstanding work is that done by Mr. G. W. Stevens, who in 1913 collected plants in general over the entire state and later wrote a flora of Oklahoma, but it has not been published. Mr. Stevens perhaps knows more about the plants of the state than any other man. Another good piece of work was done by the late C. W. Prier who collected a great many grasses in Cleveland County and in the vicinity of Tahlequah. Mr. Prier worked on the grasses of the state up to the time of his death about a year ago. Messrs T. R. Stenien and W. S. Myers have made quite a complete collection of the grasses from the vicinity of Oklahoma City and some from the Wichita Mountains.

In collecting data for the grass publication the author has done field work, examined specimens from different herbaria and received lists of grasses from different competent botanists. The most important among these papers on grasses is an unpublished manuscript on the grasses of Oklahoma. This was prepared by Mrs. Agnes Chase of the Smithsonian Institution and is based chiefly on the Stevens collection. The manuscript describes about 175 different species and has ample keys for their identification.

At present the distribution record is very incomplete. It has been taken largely from the different herbaria of the state, viz: Oklahoma University, Northwestern State Teachers' College, Northeastern State Teachers' College, Central High School of Oklahoma City, and Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College with which the writer is connected.

It can be seen that the survey is largely a compilation of what has been done by other workers and the organization of their work into a single publication. There are some species, however, for which no previous record has been found, viz:

*Sorobolus clandestinus* (Spreng.) Hitchc.

*Sporobolus mairii* (Trin.) Hitchc.

*Sporobolus Drummondii* (Trin.) Vasey.

*Echinochloa Crus-galli mitis* (Pursh.) Peterm.

*Muhlenbergia cuspidata* (Torr.) Rydb.

*Syntherisma filiformis* (L.) Nash.

*Trisetum interrupta* Buckl.

There are in all probability many grasses which have not yet been reported and perhaps species which have not been named.

Up to the present time there have been collected, or an authentic record found of 243 species, and 21 varieties representing 66 different genera. These represent both native and exotic species. The recognized agricultural varieties have been included to make the publication more valuable to the agronomist.

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In preparing the final report of the survey the author has followed "The Genera of Grasses of the United States" by Hitchcock. Hence there are not as many genera as Britton and Brown, or Small would list for the same grasses, but sufficient synonymy has been added to each species to enable one to locate the species in any key in which it is listed.

The following list contains the names of the genera and species of grasses found in Oklahoma.

### *Grasses of Oklahoma*

- Agropyron*
  - repens* (L.) Beauv.
  - Smithii* Rydb.
  - tenerum* Vasey.
- Agrostis* L.
  - alba* L.
  - Elliottiana* Schult.
  - hyemalis* (Walt.) B. S. P.
  - perennans* (Walt.) Tuckerm.
- Alopecurus* L.
  - geniculatus* L.
- Andropogon*.
  - chrysocomus* Nash.
  - furcatus* Muhl.
  - glomeratus* (Walt.) B. S. P.
  - Hallii* Hack.
  - saccharoides laguroides* (D. C.) Hack.
  - scoparius* Michx.
  - ternarius* Michx.
  - virginicus* L.
- Aristida* L.
  - basiramea* Engelm.
  - Curtissii* (A. Gray) Nash.
  - desmantha* Trin and Rupr.
  - dichotoma* Michx.
  - fasciculata* Torr.
  - Fendleriana* Steud.
  - g'auga* Nees.
  - intermedia* Scribn. & Ball.
  - lanosa* Muhl.
  - longiseta* Steud.
  - longispica* Poir.
  - micrantha* (Vasey) Nash.
  - oligantha* Michx.
  - purpurascens* Poir.
  - purpurea* Nutt.
  - ramosissima* Engelm.
  - arundinacea* L.
  - latifolia* (Trev.) Griseb.
- Dactylis* L.
  - glomerata* L.
- Danthonia* D. C.
  - spicata* (L.) Beauv.
- Diarina* Raf.
  - festucoides* Raf.
- Grasses of Oklahoma*
  - listochlis* Raf.
  - spicata* (L.) Green.
  - Echinochloa* Beauv.
  - colona* (L.) Link.
  - crus-galli* (L.) Beauv.
  - Eleusine* Gaertn.
  - indica* (L.) Gaertn.
  - Elymus* L.
    - brachystachys* Scrib. & Ball.
    - candensis* L.
    - giabriiflorus* (Vasey) Scrib. & Ball.
    - jejunus* (Ramaley) Rydb.
    - robustus* Scribn & Sm.
    - striatus* Willd.
    - virginicus* L.
  - Eragrostis* Beauv.
    - capillaris* (L.) Nees.
    - caroimana* (Spreng.) Scribn.
    - cilianensis* (All.) Link.
    - curtipedicellata* Buckl.
    - Frankii* Steud.
    - hirsuta* (Michx.) Nees.
    - hypnoides* (Lam.) B. S. P.
    - lugens* Nees.
    - pectinacea* (Michx.) Nees.
    - pilosa* (L.) Beauv.
    - refracta* (Muhl.) Scribn.
    - reptans* (Michx.) Nees.
    - secundiflora* Presl.
    - sessilispica* Buckl.
    - trichodes* (Nutt.) Wood.
  - Erianthus* Michx.
    - contortus* Ell.
    - divaricatus* (L.) Hitchc.
    - Ravennae* (L.) Beauv.
  - Eriochloa* H. B. K.
    - acuminata* (Presl.) Kunth.
    - punctata* (L.) W. Hamilt.
    - sericea* Munro.
  - Festuca* L.
    - elatior* L.
    - obtusa* Spreng.
    - octoflora* Walt.
    - sciurea* Nutt.
    - Shortii* Kunth.
    - versuta* Beal.

- Gymnopogon* Beauv.  
*ambiguus* (Michx.) B. S. P.
- Holcus* L.  
*halepensis* L.  
*sorghum* L.
- Homalocenchrus* Mieg.  
*oryzoides* (L.) Poll.  
*virginicus* (Willd.) Britton.
- Hordeum* L.  
*jubatum* L.  
*pusillum* Nutt.  
*vulgare* L.
- Hystrix* Moench.  
*Hystrix* (L.) Millsp.
- Koeleria* Pers.  
*cristata* (L.) Pers.
- Leptochloa* Beauv.  
*attenuata* Nutt.  
*fascicularis* (Lam.) A. Gray.  
*filiformis* (Lam.) Beauv.
- Leptoloma* Chase.  
*cognatum* (Schultes) Chase.
- Lolium* L.  
*perenne* L.  
*temulentum* L.
- Lycurus* H. B. K.  
*phleoides* H. B. K.
- Manisuris* L.  
*cylindrica* (Michx.) Kuntze.
- Melica* L.  
*mutica* Walt.  
*nitens* Nutt.
- Muhlenbergia* Schreb.  
*arenicola* Buckl.  
*capillaris* (Lam.) Trin.  
*cuspidata* (Torr.) Nash.  
*gracillima* Torr.  
*mexicana* (L.) Trin.  
*racemosa* (Michx.) B. S. P.
- Schreberi* Gamel.  
*sobolifera* (Muhl.) Trin.  
*sylvatica* Torr.  
*tenuiflora* (Willd.) B. S. P.
- Munroa* Torr.  
*squarrosa* (Nutt.) Torr.
- Panicularia* Heister.  
*nervata* (Willd.) Kuntze.
- Panicum* L.  
*aciculare* Desv.  
*agrostoides* Spreng.  
*anceps* Michx.  
*angustifolium* Ell.  
*Ashei* Pearson.  
*barbipulvinatum* Nash.  
*barbulatum* Michx.  
*Boscii* Poir.  
*brachyanthum* Steud.  
*capillare* L.  
*clandestinum* L.  
*condensum* Nash.  
*commutatum* Schultes.  
*dichotomum* L.
- dichotomiflorum* Michx.  
*flexile* (Gattinger) Scribn.  
*Wrightii* Nash.
- Arundinaria* Michx.  
*macroisperma* Michx.  
*tecta* (Walt.) Muhl.
- Avena* L.  
*fatua* L.  
*sativa* L.  
*sterilis* L.
- Bouteloua* Lag.  
*curtipendula* (Michx.) Torr.  
*gracilis* Lag.  
*hirsuta* Lag.  
*texana* S. Wats.
- Brachyelytrum* Beauv.  
*erectum* (Schreb.) Beauv.
- Bromus* L.  
*ciliatus* L.  
*commutatus* Schrad.  
*inermis* Leyss.  
*purgans* L.  
*secalinus* L.  
*tecorum* L.  
*unioloides* (Willd.) H. B. K.
- Calamovilfa* Hack.  
*gigantea* (Nutt.) Scribn. & Merr.  
*longifolia* (Hook.) Hack.
- Capriola* Adams.  
*dactylon* (L.) Kuntze.
- Cenchrus* L.  
*pauciflorus* Benth.
- Chaetochloa* Scribn.  
*geniculata* (Lam.) Millsp. & Chase.  
*italica* (L.) Scribn.  
*lutescens* (Weig.) Stuntz.  
*viridis* (L.) Scribn.
- Chloris* Sw.  
*verticillata* Nutt.
- Cinna* L.  
*Gattingeri* Nash.  
*huachucae* Ashe.  
*Helleri* Nash.  
*hians* Ell.  
*Hillmani* Chase.  
*lanuginosum* Ell.  
*Lindheimeri* Nash.  
*linearifolium* Scribn.  
*malacophyllum* Nash.  
*microcarpon* Muhl.  
*miliaceum* L.  
*mutable* Scribn. & Smith.  
*obtusum* H. B. K.  
*oligosanthes* Schult.  
*perlóngum* Nash.  
*philadelphicum* Bernh.  
*polyanthes* Schultes.  
*praeoccius* Hitchc. & Chase.  
*scoparium* Lam.  
*Scribnérianum* Nash.  
*sphaerocarpón* Ell.  
*tennesseense* Ashe.

- vilosissimum* Nash.  
*virgatum* L.  
*Wilcoxiawan* Vasey.  
*xalapense* H. B. K.  
*Pappophorum* Schreb.  
*apertum* Munro.  
*Paspalum* L.  
*angustifolium* Le Conte.  
*Bushii* Nash.  
*circulare* Nash.  
*distichum* L.  
*floridanum* Michx.  
*laeve* Michx.  
*mucronatum* Muhl.  
*Muhlenbergii* Nash.  
*pubiflorum* glabrum Vasey.  
*setaceum* Michx.  
*stramineum* Nash.  
*Phalaris* L.  
*angusta* Nees.  
*canariensis* L.  
*caroliniana* Walt.  
*Phleum* L.  
*pratense* L.  
*Phragmites*  
*Phragmites* (L.) Karst.  
*Poa* L.  
*annua* L.  
*arachnifera* Torr.  
*arida* Vasey.  
*Bigelovii* Vasey & Scribn.  
*Chapmaniana* Scribn.  
*compressa* L.  
*pratensis* L.  
*sylvestris* A. Gray.  
*Redfieldia* Vasey.  
*flexusoa* (Thurb.) Vasey.  
*Sacciolepis* Nash.  
*striata* (L.) Nash.  
*Schedonnardus*  
*paniculatus* (Nutt.) Trel.  
*Sitanion* Raf.  
*elymoides* Raf.  
*Sorghastrum* Nash.  
*nutans* (L.) Nash.  
*Spartina* Schreb.  
*Michauxiana* Hitchc.  
*Spenopholis* Scribn.  
*obtusata* (Michx.) Scrib.  
*pallens* (Spreng.) Scribn.  
*Sporobolus* R. Br.  
*airoides* Torr.  
*angustus* Buckley.  
*asper* (Michx.) Kunth.  
*asperifolius* (Nees & Meyer)  
*Thurber.*  
*argutus* (Nees.) Kunth.  
*canovirens* Nash.  
*clandestinus* (Spreng.) Hitchc.  
*cryptandrus* (Torr.) A. Gray.  
*Drummondii* (Trin.) Vasey.  
*heterolepis* A. Gray.  
*mairus* (Trin.) Hitchc.  
*neglectus* Nash.  
*texanus* Vasey.  
*vaginaeflorus* (Torr.) Wood.  
*Stipa* L.  
*leucotricha* Trin.  
*Syntherisma* Walt.  
*filiforme* (L.) Nash.  
*marginatum* (Link.) Nash.  
*sanguinale* (L.) Dulac.  
*villosum* Walt.  
*Triodia* R. Br.  
*albescens* Vasey.  
*elongata* (Buckley.) Nash.  
*flava* (L.) Hitchc.  
*pilosa* (Buckl.) Merr.  
*stricta* (Nutt.) Vasey.  
*texana* (Thurb.) Nash.  
*Tripsacum* L.  
*dactyloides* L.  
*Trisetum* Pers.  
*interruptum* Buckl.  
*Triticum* L.  
*aestivum* L.  
*cylindricum* (Host.) Ces.  
*Uniola* L.  
*latifolia* Michx.  
*laxa* (L.) B. S. P.  
*longifolia* Scribn.  
*Zea* L.  
*mays* L.  
*Zizaniopsis*  
*miliacea* (Michx.) Doell & Aschers.