

Common Plant Species Found in VA Pastures

Desirable Species

Functional Group 1 Cool Season Grasses

Kentucky Bluegrass*
Orchardgrass
Red Top
Reed Canarygrass
Rescuegrass (also called Prariegrass)
Ryegrass (annual and perennial)
Small grains (barley, oats, rye, triticale, wheat)
Tall Fescue
Timothy

Functional Group 2 Warm Season Grasses

Bahiagrass
Bermudagrass, hybrid or improved seed type
Bluestem, Big
Bluestem, Little*
Crabgrass
Dallisgrass
Eastern Gamagrass
Indiangrass
Johnsongrass
Millet, Browntop
Millet, Foxtail
Millet, Pearl
Sorghum –sudangrass hybrids
Sudangrass
Switchgrass

Functional Group 3 Legumes

Alfalfa
Clover, Crimson
Clover, Red
Clover, Subterranean
Clover, White (ladino and intermediates)
Lespedeza, Kobe
Lespedeza, Korean
Vetch, Common
Vetch, Hairy

Functional Group 4 Forbs

Brassicas (i.e. rape, kale, turnips)
Chicory

Less Desirable Species

Intermediate Grasses

Barnyardgrass
Bermudagrass, common
Carpetgrass
Cheatgrass
Signalgrass, broadleaf

Intermediate Legumes

Black medic
Clover, Hop
Clover, Rabbitsfoot
Clover, White Dutch
Florida beggarweed
Kudzu
Lespedeza, Sericea*

Intermediate Forbs

Chickweed
Dandelion
Blackseed plantain

Undesirable Grasses/Sedges/Rushes

Broomsedge
Foxtail, (giant, green or yellow)
Goosegrass
Little barley
Japanese stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*)
Nimblewill
Nutsedge
Purpletop (*Tridens flavus*)
Rushes, most types
Sweet vernalgrass
Velvetgrass

Undesirable Forbs

Buttercup
Cocklebur
Cypress weed (dogfennel)
Dock
Henbit
Horsenettle
Marestail
Perilla mint
Plaintains
Spiny amaranth
Thistles, all type
White snakeroot

Noxious Weeds of VA

LYVI3 European wand loosestrife
LYSA2 Purple loosestrife

Highly Invasive Plants of VA

ALPH Alligator weed
CEBI2 Spotted knapweed
CIAR4 Canada thistle
ELUM Autumn olive
LOJA Japanese honeysuckle
LOMO2 Morrow's honeysuckle (shrub)
LOST2 Standish's honeysuckle (shrub)
LYSA2 Purple loosestrife
MIVI Japanese stilt grass (Nepalese browntop)
PHAU7 Common reed (*Phragmites australis*)
POCU6 Japanese knotweed
PUERA Kudzu
ROMU Multiflora rose
SOHA Johnsongrass
AIAL Tree of Heaven