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| sand lovegrass |
| *Eragrostis trichodes* (Nutt.) Wood |
| Plant Symbol = ERTR3 |

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# Alternate Name

sand love grass, tall love grass.

# Uses

Sand lovegrass is grazed by livestock and is sometimes cut for hay.

# Status

Please consult the PLANTS Web site and your State Department of Natural Resources for this plant’s current status, such as, state noxious status and wetland indicator values.

# Description

Grass Family (Poaceae). Sand lovegrass is a warm‑season*,* short‑lived, perennial bunch grass. The height ranges from 2-1/2 to 5 feet. The leaf blade is flat. It is narrow and rolls inward under dry conditions, giving a threadlike appearance. The leaf sheath is rounded, nearly as long as the internodes, and hairy an inch or so below collar. The seedhead has a large open and purplish panicle and spikelets mostly 4 to 6 flowered.

*Distribution*: For current distribution, please consult the Plant Profile page for this species on the PLANTS Web site.

# Management

Occasionally, it is included in range‑seeding mixtures for quick cover and forage production. This grass is seldom a key management species. It cures well on the stem and provides good grazing in the fall and winter, if grazing is deferred during summer months.

# Establishment

This grass has a high stem to leaf ratio. After stems are grazed off, they often become stiff and harsh to touch. It can grow principally on deep sands and sandy loam soils.

## Cultivars, Improved and Selected Materials (and area of origin)

Please contact your local NRCS Field Office.

**Reference**

Leithead, H.L., L.L. Yarlett, & T.N. Shiflett. 1976. 100 native forage grasses in 11 southern states. USDA SCS *Agriculture Handbook No. 389*, Washington, DC.

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