

Western Great Plains Sand Prairie

These sand prairies are often considered part of the tallgrass regions in the Western Great Plains, but can contain elements from both Western Great Plains Shortgrass Prairie and Central Mixedgrass Prairie. Graminoid species dominate the sand prairies, although relative dominance can change due to impacts of wind disturbance. *Andropogon hallii* and *Calamovilfa longifolia* are the most common species, but other grass and forb species such as *Hesperostipa comata*, *Carex inops* ssp. *heliophila*, and *Panicum virgatum* may be present.

Poor = very low cover, much bare ground, very low species diversity, some invasives

Fair = moderate cover, some diversity including forbs

Good = diverse structure and nearly 100% native grasses and forbs, scattered shrubs present