



Virginia Wild Rye

Elymus virginicus

Growing Information

- Sunlight: Sun to part shade.
- Soils: Prefers heavy, rich, moist soils but will tolerate average sandy soils in shadier spots
- Bloom Time: March, April, May. Seed drops end of spring/early summer
- Size: Up to 4ft

A true problem solver! Mix with an aggressive warm season spreader like Prairie Cordgrass (*Spartina pectinata*) for a seed mix that can quickly reclaim eroded landscapes and out-compete problematic invasives like Japanese Knotweed (alongside cutting and hand-pulling first resprouts). Great for re-establishing native vegetation after intensive invasive species control or construction on moist slopes. Provides cover and food for wildlife.

Garden Companions

Prairie Cordgrass (*Spartina pectinata*), Northern Sea Oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*), Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), Scarlet Beebalm (*Mondarda didyma*), Mountain Mints (*Pycnathemum* sp.)

Nature Benefits

- Rapid groundcover for protecting exposed soil from invasive weeds.
- Provides food for waterfowl and granivorous birds.
- Provides cover for frogs, small mammals, and birds.

Native Habitat

Riverbanks, moist slopes and woodland edges, pasture.