

Grass Types Demonstration

Before: abandoned fescue/shrub fields

2002



Photos by Mike Ryon

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Planting: no-till drill



July 2002

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Five different plantings:

- Little bluestem grass
- Big bluestem grass
- Indian grass
- Switchgrass (2 varieties)
- Wildlife mix of big bluestem, little bluestem, and Indian grass with 4 wildflowers

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Site preparation: bush-hog, apply herbicide



Spring-Summer 2002



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Mixed success: some native warm season grasses (NWSG), lots of wildflowers, including volunteers (not planted)



Spring-
Summer
2003



Photos by Pat Parr (upper left and lower right), others by Mike Ryon

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NWSG becoming more established

September 2005



Switchgrass



Indian grass

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Management of site includes prescribed burns



March
2008



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Rejuvenation after burn



September
2008



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