

# Yellow Indiangrass

*Sorghastrum nutans*

**Full sun**

**3' to 6' Stems**

**Blue/Green leaves**

**Yellow blooms**

**Drought tolerant**

**Perennial**



**Culture:** This native is one of the “Big Four” tall grass prairie grasses. It provides good forage for livestock. The leaves are broad with a blue-green color and the ligules/auricles take on the appearance of rabbit ears, which make it easy to identify in its vegetative stage.

**Growth Habit:** This native grass prefers fertile, moist soils from heavy clays to sands. The stem can reach a height of 3 to 6 feet and have small hairs at the nodes. Yellow Indiangrass is an indicator of good range condition, a good seed producer, and is good forage for livestock. It is highly palatable to livestock and wildlife during the summer, but tends to only be fair forage during the fall and winter. Indiangrass also provides excellent nesting cover for upland game birds. The seeds are eaten by small mammals and numerous song birds.

**Blooms:** In September and November

**Notes:** It is an extremely ornamental native grass. Cut it back in late winter to allow room for new growth. It is not aggressive, but will self-sow. **Yellow Indiangrass can be viewed in the Master Gardener’s demonstration Garden located behind Hood County Annex 1 on 1410 W. Pearl St. Granbury, Texas**