



| Genus | Common Name | Scientific Name | Form | Muller | Veld | Grazing |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| <i>Acranche</i> | 1 | <i>Acranche racemosa</i> | A | | | |
| <i>Acroceras</i> | 2 Nile grass | <i>Acroceras macrum</i> | PH | | | |
| <i>Agrostis</i> | 3 South African bentgrass | <i>Agrostis lachnantha</i> var. <i>lachnantha</i> | P / A | | | |
| <i>Andropogon</i> | 4 Hairy bluegrass | <i>Andropogon chinensis</i> | P | Y | 3 | 3 |
| | 5 Snowflake grass | <i>Andropogon eucomus</i> | P | | | |
| | 6 Bluegrass | <i>Andropogon gayanus</i> var. <i>polycladus</i> | P | Y | 3 | 3 |
| | 7 Hairy blue andropogon | <i>Andropogon schirensis</i> | P | | | |
| <i>Antheophora</i> | 8 Woolgrass | <i>Antheophora pubescens</i> | P | Y | 3 | 3 |
| | 9 Branched woolgrass | <i>Antheophora ramosa</i> | P | | | |
| | 10 Annual woolgrass | <i>Antheophora schinzii</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Aristida</i> | 11 Annual bristlegrass | <i>Aristida adscensionis</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 12 Perennial bristlegrass | <i>Aristida congesta</i> subsp. <i>congesta</i> | P | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 13 Loose bristlegrass | <i>Aristida effusa</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 14 Fox-brush | <i>Aristida hordeacea</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 15 Hubbard's-bristlegrass | <i>Aristida hubbardiana</i> | A | | | |
| | 16 Giant stickgrass | <i>Aristida meridionalis</i> | P | Y | 2 | 2 |
| | 17 Single-awned bristlegrass | <i>Aristida parvula</i> | A | | | |
| | 18 Pilger's-bristlegrass | <i>Aristida pilgeri</i> | P | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 19 Large-seeded bristlegrass | <i>Aristida rhiniochloa</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 20 Purple three-awn | <i>Aristida scabrivalvis</i> subsp. <i>scabrivalvis</i> | A | | | |
| | 21 Sandveld bristlegrass | <i>Aristida stipitata</i> subsp. <i>gracilliflora</i> | P | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 22 Robust bristlegrass | <i>Aristida stipitata</i> subsp. <i>robusta</i> | P | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 23 Sandveld long-awned stickgrass | <i>Aristida stipitata</i> subsp. <i>stipitata</i> | P | Y | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Bothriochloa</i> | 24 Pinhole grass | <i>Bothriochloa insculpta</i> | P | | | |
| | 25 Smelly grass | <i>Bothriochloa radicans</i> | P | Y | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Brachiaria</i> | 26 Annual brachiaria | <i>Brachiaria deflexa</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 27 Sweet signalgrass | <i>Brachiaria eruciformis</i> | A | | | |
| | 28 Sand brachiaria | <i>Brachiaria glomerata</i> | A | Y | 2 | 2 |
| | 29 | <i>Brachiaria grossa</i> | A | | | |
| | 30 | <i>Brachiaria malacodes</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 31 Spotted-brachiaria | <i>Brachiaria nigropedata</i> | P | Y | 3 | 3 |
| | 32 Schoenfelder's-brachiaria | <i>Brachiaria schoenfelderii</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Cenchrus</i> | 33 Buffalograss | <i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i> | P | Y | 3 | 3 |
| <i>Centropodia</i> | 34 Rivergrass | <i>Centropodia mossamedensis</i> | P | | | |
| <i>Chloris</i> | 35 Feather-top chloris | <i>Chloris virgata</i> | P / A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Coelachyrum</i> | 36 | <i>Coelachyrum yemenicum</i> | P | | | |
| <i>Cymbopogon</i> | 37 Broad-leaved turpentinegrass | <i>Cymbopogon caesius</i> | P | Y | 2 | 1 |
| | 38 Narrow-leaved turpentinegrass | <i>Cymbopogon pospischilii</i> | P | Y | 2 | 1 |
| <i>Cynodon</i> | 39 Quick grass | <i>Cynodon dactylon</i> | P | Y | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Dactyloctenium</i> | 40 Chicken foot | <i>Dactyloctenium aegyptium</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Danthoniopsis</i> | 41 Wild oats | <i>Danthoniopsis dinteri</i> | A | Y | 2 | 1 |
| | 42 Rock oats | <i>Danthoniopsis ramosa</i> | P | Y | 2 | 2 |



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| <i>Diandrochloa</i> | 43 | | <i>Diandrochloa namaquensis</i> | A | | | | |
| | 44 | | <i>Diandrochloa pusilla</i> | A | | | | |
| <i>Dichanthium</i> | 45 | Bluestem | <i>Dichanthium annulatum var. papillosum</i> | P | Y | 3 | 3 | |
| <i>Digitaria</i> | 46 | | <i>Digitaria debilis</i> | P | | | | |
| | 47 | Woolly fingergrass | <i>Digitaria eriantha</i> | P | Y | 3 | 3 | |
| | 48 | Woolly fingergrass | <i>Digitaria milanjana</i> | P | | | | |
| | 49 | | <i>Digitaria perrottetii</i> | A | | | | |
| | 50 | Crabgrass | <i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i> | A | | | | |
| | 51 | Kuruman fingergrass | <i>Digitaria seriata</i> | P | Y | 3 | 3 | |
| | 52 | Velvety fingergrass | <i>Digitaria velutina</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 | |
| <i>Dinebra</i> | 53 | Catstail grass | <i>Dinebra retroflexa var. condensata</i> | A | | | | |
| <i>Diplanche</i> | 54 | | <i>Diplanche cuspidata</i> | P | | | | |
| <i>Echinochloa</i> | 55 | Jungle-rice | <i>Echinochloa colona</i> | AH | Y | 1 | 1 | |
| | 56 | Cockspur grass | <i>Echinochloa crus-galli</i> | AH | | | | |
| | 57 | Kalahari watergrass | <i>Echinochloa holubii</i> | PH | Y | 2 | 2 | |
| <i>Eleusine</i> | 58 | African fingermillet | <i>Eleusine coracana subsp. africana</i> | A | | | | |
| | 59 | Goosegrass | <i>Eleusine indica</i> | A | | | | |
| <i>Elionurus</i> | 60 | Wiregrass | <i>Elionurus muticus</i> | P | Y | 1 | 1 | |
| <i>Elytrophorus</i> | 61 | Globular vleigrass | <i>Elytrophorus globularis</i> | AH | | | | |
| <i>Enneapogon</i> | 62 | Common nine-awned grass | <i>Enneapogon cenchroides</i> | P / A | Y | 1 | 1 | |
| | 63 | Eight-day grass | <i>Enneapogon desvauxii</i> | P | Y | 2 | 2 | |
| | 64 | Nine-awn | <i>Enneapogon scaber</i> | P | Y | 2 | 2 | |
| | 65 | Bottle-brush grass | <i>Enneapogon scoparius</i> | P | Y | 3 | 3 | |
| | 66 | Mopane grass | <i>Enteropogon macrostachyus</i> | P | Y | 3 | 3 | |
| | 67 | | <i>Enteropogon rupestris</i> | P | | | | |
| <i>Entoplocamia</i> | 68 | | <i>Entoplocamia aristulata</i> | A | Y | 2 | 2 | |
| <i>Eragrostis</i> | 69 | Ringed lovegrass | <i>Eragrostis annulata</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 | |
| | 70 | Rough lovegrass | <i>Eragrostis aspera</i> | A | | | | |
| | 71 | Two-flowered lovegrass | <i>Eragrostis biflora</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 | |
| | 72 | Stink grass | <i>Eragrostis cilianensis</i> | A | | | | |
| | 73 | | <i>Eragrostis crassinervis</i> | P / PH | | | | |
| | 74 | Weeping lovegrass | <i>Eragrostis curvula</i> | P | | | | |
| | 75 | Smooth lovegrass | <i>Eragrostis cylindriflora</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 | |
| | 76 | | <i>Eragrostis dinteri</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 | |
| | 77 | Tick grass | <i>Eragrostis echinochloidea</i> | P | Y | 2 | 2 | |
| | 78 | Glandular lovegrass | <i>Eragrostis glandulosipedata</i> | A | | | | |
| | 79 | | <i>Eragrostis heteromera</i> | P | | | | |
| | 80 | | <i>Eragrostis homomalla</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 | |
| | 81 | | <i>Eragrostis jeffreysii</i> | P | Y | 2 | 1 | |
| | 82 | | <i>Eragrostis laevisissima</i> | P | | | | |
| | 83 | Lehmann's-lovegrass | <i>Eragrostis lehmanniana var. lehmanniana</i> | P | Y | 2 | 2 | |
| | 84 | | <i>Eragrostis micrantha</i> | P | | | | |
| | 85 | Perennial lovegrass | <i>Eragrostis nindensis</i> | P | Y | 2 | 2 | |
| | 86 | Sandveld lovegrass | <i>Eragrostis omahekensis</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 | |
| | 87 | Broom grass | <i>Eragrostis pallens</i> | P | Y | 2 | 1 | |
| | 88 | | <i>Eragrostis pilgeriana</i> | A | | | | |



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| | 89 | | <i>Eragrostis porosa</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 90 | Curly-leaved lovegrass | <i>Eragrostis rigidior</i> | P | Y | 2 | 2 |
| | 91 | Vlei lovegrass | <i>Eragrostis rotifer</i> | P | Y | 2 | 2 |
| | 92 | | <i>Eragrostis sabiniae</i> | P | | | |
| | 93 | Mountain lovegrass | <i>Eragrostis scopelophila</i> | P | Y | 2 | 2 |
| | 94 | | <i>Eragrostis stapfii</i> | P | | | |
| | 95 | Heartseed grass | <i>Eragrostis superba</i> | P | Y | 2 | 2 |
| | 96 | Hairy lovegrass | <i>Eragrostis trichophora</i> | P | Y | | |
| | 97 | Sticky lovegrass | <i>Eragrostis viscosa</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Eriochloa</i> | 98 | | <i>Eriochloa fatmensis</i> | A | | | |
| <i>Fingerhuthia</i> | 99 | Thimble grass | <i>Fingerhuthia africana</i> | P | Y | 3 | 2 |
| <i>Heteropogon</i> | 100 | Spear grass | <i>Heteropogon contortus</i> | P | Y | 3 | 2 |
| | 101 | Sweet tangelhead | <i>Heteropogon melanocarpus</i> | A | Y | 2 | 1 |
| <i>Hyparrhenia</i> | 102 | Thatching grass | <i>Hyparrhenia hirta</i> | P | Y | 3 | 2 |
| | 103 | Yellow-spike thatching grass | <i>Hyparrhenia rufa var. rufa</i> | P / A | Y | 3 | 1 |
| <i>Hyperthelia</i> | 104 | Yellow thatching grass | <i>Hyperthelia dissoluta</i> | P | Y | 2 | 1 |
| <i>Ischaemum</i> | 105 | Turf gras | <i>Ischaemum afrum</i> | P | | | |
| <i>Leptocarydion</i> | 106 | Spade grass | <i>Leptocarydion vulpiastrum</i> | P | | | |
| <i>Leptochloa</i> | 107 | Brown beetlegrass | <i>Leptochloa fusca</i> | P(H) | Y | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Megaloprotachne</i> | 108 | | <i>Megaloprotachne albescens</i> | A | | | |
| <i>Melinis</i> | 109 | | <i>Melinis longiseta subsp. bellespicata</i> | P | | | |
| | 110 | Red-top | <i>Melinis repens subsp. grandiflora</i> | A / (P) | Y | 2 | 1 |
| | 111 | Perennial red-top | <i>Melinis repens subsp. repens</i> | A / (P) | Y | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Microchloa</i> | 112 | Sicklegrass | <i>Microchloa caffra</i> | P | Y | 2 | 1 |
| | 113 | Pincushion grass | <i>Microchloa kunthii</i> | P | | | |
| <i>Monelytrum</i> | 114 | Lüderitz grass | <i>Monelytrum luederitzianum</i> | P / A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Odyssea</i> | 115 | | <i>Odyssea paucinervis</i> | P | Y | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Oropetium</i> | 116 | Dwarf grass | <i>Oropetium capense</i> | P | Y | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Panicum</i> | 117 | Coloured Guineagrass | <i>Panicum coloratum var. coloratum</i> | P | Y | 3 | 3 |
| | 118 | | <i>Panicum impeditum</i> | A | | | |
| | 119 | Sandveld panicum | <i>Panicum kalaharensis</i> | P | Y | 2 | 2 |
| | 120 | | <i>Panicum lanipes</i> | P | Y | 3 | 3 |
| | 121 | Guineagrass | <i>Panicum maximum</i> | P / A | Y | 3 | 3 |
| | 122 | Blackseed panicum | <i>Panicum novemnerve</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 123 | Torepo grass | <i>Panicum repens</i> | P(H) | Y | 2 | 2 |
| | 124 | | <i>Panicum simulans</i> | A | | | |
| | 125 | Stapf's-buffalograss | <i>Panicum stapfianum</i> | P | Y | 3 | 3 |
| | 126 | | <i>Panicum trichonode</i> | P | | | |
| <i>Paspalum</i> | 127 | Common paspalum | <i>Paspalum scrobiculatum</i> | P(H) | | | |
| <i>Pennisetum</i> | 128 | False buffalograss | <i>Pennisetum foermeranum</i> | P | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 129 | | <i>Pennisetum mezianum</i> | P | | | |



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| <i>Perotis</i> | 130 | Bottle-brush grass | <i>Perotis patens</i> | A / (P) | Y | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Phragmites</i> | 131 | Common reed | <i>Phragmites australis</i> | P | | | |
| <i>Pogonarthria</i> | 132 | Annual hairy fishbonegrass | <i>Pogonarthria fleckii</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 133 | | <i>Pogonarthria leiarthra</i> | A | | | |
| | 134 | Fishbonegrass | <i>Pogonarthria squarrosa</i> | P | Y | 2 | 1 |
| <i>Rottboellia</i> | 135 | Guinea-fowl grass | <i>Rottboellia cochinchinensis</i> | A | | | |
| <i>Schizachyrium</i> | 136 | | <i>Schizachyrium exile</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 137 | Slit grass | <i>Schizachyrium jeffreysii</i> | P | | | |
| | 138 | Red Autumngrass | <i>Schizachyrium sanguineum</i> | P | Y | 2 | 1 |
| <i>Schmidtia</i> | 139 | Annual Bushmangrass | <i>Schmidtia kalahariensis</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 140 | Perennial Bushmangrass | <i>Schmidtia pappophoroides</i> | P | Y | 3 | 3 |
| <i>Sehima</i> | 141 | Rat's-tail grass | <i>Sehima ischaemoides</i> | A | | | |
| <i>Setaria</i> | 142 | | <i>Setaria finita</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 143 | | <i>Setaria incrassata</i> | P | | | |
| | 144 | Yellow bristlegrass | <i>Setaria pumila</i> | A | | | |
| | 145 | Arrowgrass | <i>Setaria sagittifolia</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 146 | Rough bristlegrass | <i>Setaria verticillata</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
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| <i>Sorghum</i> | 147 | Common wild sorghum | <i>Sorghum bicolor subsp. arundinaceum</i> | P | Y | 2 | 2 |
| | 148 | Johnson grass | <i>Sorghum halepense</i> | P | | | |
| | 149 | Black Sudangrass | <i>Sorghum versicolor</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Sporobolus</i> | 150 | | <i>Sporobolus consimilis</i> | P / A | | | |
| | 151 | | <i>Sporobolus coromandelianus</i> | A | | | |
| | 152 | | <i>Sporobolus engleri</i> | A | | | |
| | 153 | Fibrous dropseed | <i>Sporobolus festivus</i> | P | Y | 2 | 1 |
| | 154 | Dropseed | <i>Sporobolus fimbriatus</i> | P | Y | 3 | 3 |
| | 155 | Pan dropseed | <i>Sporobolus ioclados</i> | P / A | Y | 3 | 2 |
| | 156 | | <i>Sporobolus nebulosus</i> | P | | | |
| | 157 | Famine grass | <i>Sporobolus panicoides</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 158 | | <i>Sporobolus pellucidus</i> | P | | | |
| | 159 | | <i>Sporobolus salsus</i> | P | | | |
| 160 | | <i>Sporobolus spicatus</i> | P | | | | |
| <i>Stipagrostis</i> | 161 | Tall Bushmangrass | <i>Stipagrostis ciliata var. capensis</i> | P | Y | 3 | 2 |
| | 162 | | <i>Stipagrostis giessii</i> | P | Y | 2 | 2 |
| | 163 | | <i>Stipagrostis hirtigluma subsp. hirtigluma</i> | P / A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 164 | | <i>Stipagrostis hirtigluma subsp. patula</i> | P | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 165 | | <i>Stipagrostis hirtigluma subsp. pearsonii</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |
| | 166 | | <i>Stipagrostis hochstetteriana var. secalina</i> | P | Y | 2 | 1 |
| | 167 | River Bushmangrass | <i>Stipagrostis namaquensis</i> | P | Y | 2 | 2 |
| | 168 | Small Bushmangrass | <i>Stipagrostis obtusa</i> | P / A | Y | 3 | 3 |
| | 169 | | <i>Stipagrostis uniplumis var. intermedia</i> | A | Y | 2 | 2 |
| | 170 | Silky Bushmangrass | <i>Stipagrostis uniplumis var. uniplumis</i> | P | Y | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Tarigidia</i> | 171 | | <i>Tarigidia aequiglumis</i> | P | | | |
| <i>Themeda</i> | 172 | Redgrass | <i>Themeda triandra</i> | P | Y | 3 | 2 |
| <i>Tragus</i> | 173 | Small Carrotseed grass | <i>Tragus berteronianus</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 |



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| | 174 | | <i>Tragus pedunculatus</i> | A | | | | |
| | 175 | Large Carrotseed grass | <i>Tragus racemosus</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 | |
| <i>Tricholaena</i> | 176 | Blue-seed grass | <i>Tricholaena monachne</i> | P / A | Y | 2 | 1 | |
| <i>Triraphis</i> | 177 | Annual needlegrass | <i>Triraphis purpurea</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 | |
| | 178 | Branched needlegrass | <i>Triraphis ramosissima</i> | P | Y | 3 | 3 | |
| | 179 | Needlegrass | <i>Triraphis schinzii</i> | P | Y | 3 | 2 | |
| <i>Urochloa</i> | 180 | | <i>Urochloa brachyura</i> | A | Y | 2 | 2 | |
| | 181 | Dubi grass | <i>Urochloa oligotricha</i> | P | Y | 3 | 3 | |
| | 182 | Kuri millet | <i>Urochloa panicoides</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 | |
| | 183 | | <i>Urochloa trichopus</i> | A | Y | 1 | 1 | |
| <i>Willkommia</i> | 184 | | <i>Willkommia sarmentosa</i> | P | Y | 1 | 1 | |

Notes

Not all species have an English common name in regular use

Type = A - Annual, P - Perennial, H - Hydrophyte and combinations of these. () indicates (sometimes)

Muller = Y indicates species is described in Muller (2007)

Veld = 1 - Poor Condition, 2 - Transitional, 3 - Good Condition

Grazing = 1 - Low, 2 - Average, 3 - High

All grasses fall in Order Poales, Family Poaceae

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