

Indian Grass (*Sorghastrum Nutans*)

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General Information

- ~ *Sorghastrum nutans*/Indian grass
- ~ There are a few different types
 - ~ Found in the prairie
 - ~ Warm season plant
 - ~ 3-6 feet tall

Reproduction

- ~ Seeds fall
- ~ Gets warm = Seeds sprouting

Diseases

- ~ Non-toxic



Close-up of Spikelets, March 12, 2019, Illinois Wildflowers.



Indian Grass in Flower, March 12, 2019, Missouri Department of Conservation.



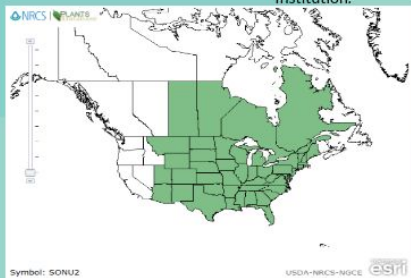
Sorghastrum Nutans, March 12, 2019, Missouri Botanical Garden.

Fun Facts

- ~ Tall grass prairie
- ~ Scientific name came from Greece
- ~ Other types of Indian grass are Yellow Indian grass and Slender Indian
- ~ Feathery light brown panicles



Sorghastrum nutans (L.) Nash - Indiangrass SONU2, March 12, 2019, Smithsonian Institution.



Sorghastrum nutans (L.) Nash Indiangrass Map, March 12, 2019, United States Department of Agriculture.

Food Web

- ~ Birds eat Indian grass in the winter
- ~ Deer also eat the Indian grass

Habitat/Range

- ~ Lower 48 states to Canada
- ~ Mainly in prairies

Benefits

- ~ Indian Grass gives food to animals

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