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*Where is the Tall Grass?*

## Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve

- \*Over 70 species of grasses can be identified in the Flint Hills.
- \*Four species of grasses dominate the tallgrass prairie - Big bluestem, Little bluestem, Indiangrass, and Switchgrass.
- \*The grasses account for nearly 80% of the total plant life, but only 20% of the total plant species found in the Flint Hills.
- \*Given the right growing conditions and location, many tall grasses can reach 7 feet by September and October with deep, fibrous roots reaching 10 feet below the surface.
- \*Little bluestem was established as Kansas' state grass in 2010.



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