



Prairie Sandreed

PRAIRIE SANDREED(*Calamovilfa longifolia*) is a perennial, native, warm-season sod-forming tall grass that grows on stalks from 2 to 6 feet tall. It is found throughout the Northern and Central Great Plains and the Northern and Central Intermountain Desertic Basin regions. **Prairie Sandreed** grows rapidly in late spring and throughout the summer and remains green until frost. It grows on loose sand dunes and prairies from Texas and New Mexico northward to Canada. Although not especially palatable, live-stock will take the new growth in the spring and the cured leafage in the autumn. **Prairie Sandreed** is best suited to sand hills, sandy prairies, and open sandy woodland.

FACTS ABOUT PRAIRIE SANDREED:

- **Prairie Sandreed makes good winter pasture; however, if other grass varieties are present, Prairie Sandreed will be by-passed.**
- **It has heavy roof development.**
- **Prairie Sandreed is susceptible to trampling and will disappear where live-stock congregate.**
- **Prairie Sand reed spreads rapidly by underground stems and is considered a valuable soil-binding plant for soil stabilization.**
- **It is a sod-former that is very long-lived and strongly competitive when established.**
- **Prairie Sandreed demonstrates fair to good drought, poor salt, and poor high water table tolerances.**
- **Prairie Sandreed grows best in areas receiving 10 to 20 inches of precipitation.**



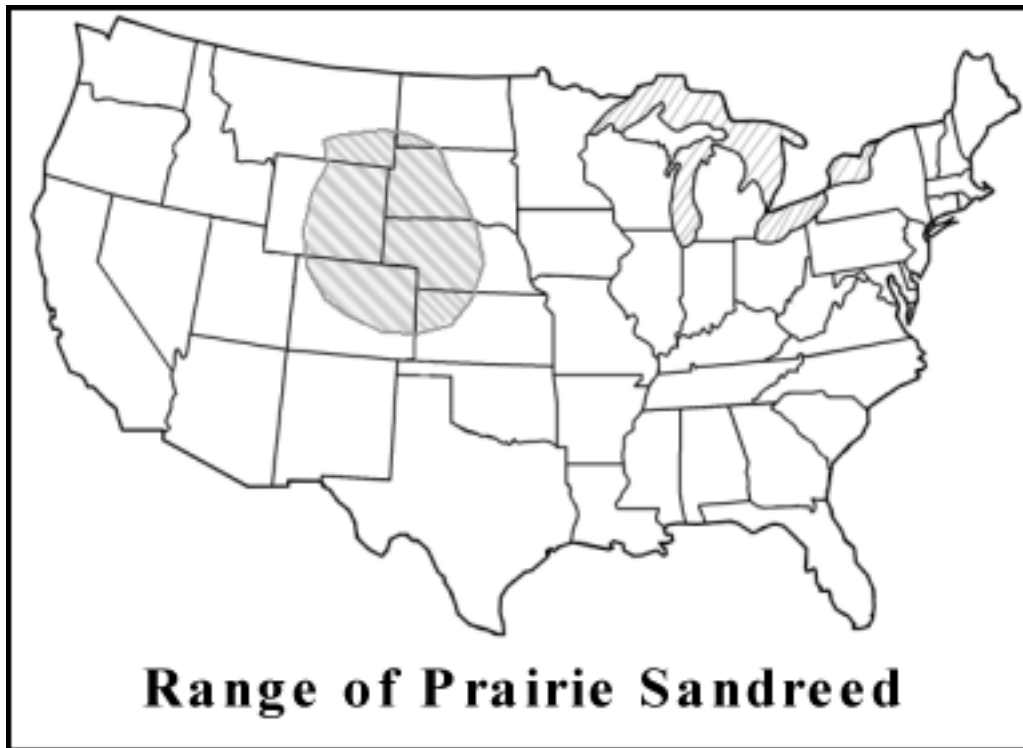
VARIETY:

Goshen is a native rhizomatous, long-lived, warm-season perennial that was developed to stabilize and revegetate sandy range sites. It is especially adapted to sites ranging from 2,000 to 5,000 feet in elevation that receive more than 12 inches. Vigorous spring growth begins in mid-to-late April and seeds ripen by October.

ESTABLISHMENT / MANAGEMENT

Good stands of **Prairie Sandreed** are obtained, using the recommended rangeland seeding methods (See pamphlet entitled Establishment and Management of Warm Season Grasses; a Sharp Bros. Seed Company publication). Seeding in the spring (April 1 - May 15) gives the best results, with seeds being placed at a depth of 1/2 to 3/4 inch deep on sandy soils.

Grazing animals use **Prairie Sandreed** readily. Over-usage and excessive tramping will kill out the stand. Care should be taken to not allow the use of more than half the current season's growth.



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