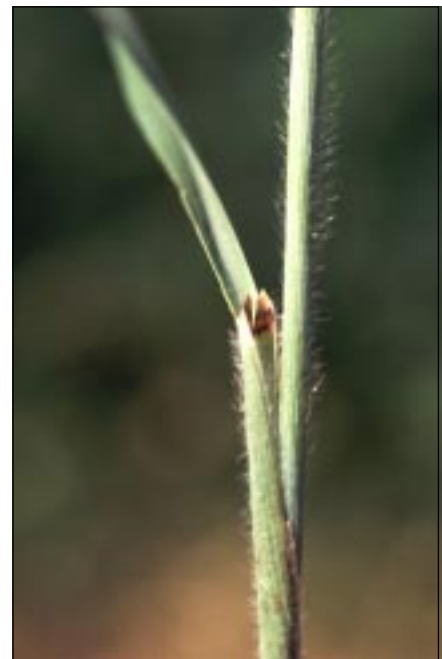


# Indiangrass

*Sorghastrum nutans*



Indiangrass plants and seed heads take on a golden color in the fall.



Indiangrass leaves have a very characteristic split ligule, often compared to a rifle sight or the feathers of an American Indian headdress.

## Description

Tall, warm-season, perennial bunchgrass that is deep rooted, drought tolerant, and is spread by rhizomes and seed. Produces seed heads in late summer. Grows 3 to 6 feet tall.

## Uses

Wildlife, pasture, and hay.

## Advantages

Summer production. Matures later in summer and extends grazing season into late summer. Its late maturity helps preserve some forage value after bird nesting season.

## Disadvantages

Light and fluffy seed, slow to establish. Not tolerant of close, continuous grazing.

## Seeding

Rate: 6-10 lb/a PLS\*

Depth: ¼-½ in

Date: Apr 15-Jun 1

## Harvest

First harvest: Jul 15-Aug 1

Annual yield: 2-3 tons dry matter/a

\*See page 8 for definition of PLS.