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Buchloe dactyloides

[Synonyms : *Anthephora axilliflora*, *Bouteloua mutica*, *Bulbilis dactyloides*, *Calanthera dactyloides*, *Casiostega dactyloides*, *Casiostega hookeri*, *Lasiostega humilis*, *Melica mexicana*, *Sesleria dactyloides*]

BUFFALO GRASS is a creeping grass. It is native to western North America.

Dactyloides is made up of Greek *dactylo-* (finger) and *-oides* (like) components meaning 'finger-like'.

Although buffalo grass is valued for heavy grazing by livestock (in the past it was used by the North American Blackfoot Indians as Winter pasture for their horses) and is also grown as ground cover to prevent erosion, it is sometimes chosen as lawn grass today too.

Some of the Keresan Indians used buffalo grass in a potion that was meant to encourage hair growth.