






	Bermuda	St. Augustine	Zoysia	Perennial Ryegrass	Centipede	Tall Fescue
	<i>Cynodon spp.</i>	<i>Stenotaphrum secundatum</i>	Various species	<i>Latum perenne</i>	<i>Eremochloa ophiuroides</i>	<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>
						
Spreading Habit	Stolons and rhizomes	Stolons	Stolons and rhizomes	Bunch type	Short stolons	Bunch type
Leaf Texture	Fine to medium	Coarse	Fine to medium	Fine to medium	Medium	Coarse to medium
Shoot Density	High	Medium	Medium to high	Medium	Medium	Low to medium
Soil Type Required	Wide range; fertile best	Wide range	Wide range	Wide range; moist, fertile best	Wide range; grows well on sandy, acidic, infertile soils	
Establishment Rate	Very fast	Fast	Very slow	Fast	Moderate	Medium-fast
Recuperative Ability	Excellent	Good	Poor-will recover but slowly	Poor to fair	Poor	Poor to fair
Wear Resistance	Very good to excellent	Fair	Excellent	Fair to good	Poor	Good
Cold Tolerance	Fair to good	Least tolerant	Fair to good	Poor to fair	Very poor	Fair
Heat Tolerance	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Poor to fair	Excellent	Good
Drought Tolerance	Excellent for common; good for hybrids	Fair	Excellent	Fair	Fair	Very good
Shade Tolerance	Very poor	Excellent	Good	Poor	Fair to good	Fair to good
Salt Tolerance	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Good
Submersion Tolerance	Excellent	Fair	Poor	Fair	Poor	Good
Maintenance Level	Medium to high	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low to medium
Fertility Requirement	High for hybrid; medium for common	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Medium
Mowing Height (inches)	0.5-1 0.125 on greens 1-2 for common	1.5-3	0.5-2	1-3	1-2	1.5-3
Seedhead Production	Few to many	Few	Few	-	Inconspicuous Medium	-
Thatching Tendency	High for hybrids; low for common	High	Medium to high	Low	Medium	Low
Disease Potential	High for hybrids; low for common	High	Medium	Medium	Low	Low
Nematode Problems	Severe	-	Severe	-	Severe	-