

Comparative Seed Manual: IRIDACEAE

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This seed manual consists of photos and relevant information on plant species housed in the Integrative Subsistence Laboratory at the Anthropology Department, University of California, Santa Barbara. The impetus for the creation of this manual was to enable UCSB graduate students to have access to comparative materials when making in-field identifications. Most of the plant species included in the manual come from New World locales with an emphasis on Eastern North America, California, Mexico, Central America, and the South American Andes.

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Species included herein:

Sisyrinchium bellum

¹ **Disclaimer:** Information on relevant edible and medicinal uses comes from a variety of sources, both published and internet-based; this manual does **NOT** recommend using any plants as food or medicine without first consulting a medical professional.

Sisyrinchium bellum



Family: Iridaceae

Common Names: Western blue-eyed grass, California blue-eyed grass, Rocky point, Dwarf blue-eyed grass

Habitat and Growth Habit: This species is found in western North America, particularly California, Oregon, and Baja. Some ecosystems where this species exists include the Alpines, rocky land, foothill woodland, yellow pine forest, sagebrush scrub, desert, chaparral, Joshua Tree woodland, coastal prairie, redwood forest, and wetland-riparian.

Human Uses: This species is mainly used for ornamental purposes.

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