

# Mid-Grass Prairie



Coyote



Side-oats Grama



Little Bluestem



Raccoon

The mid-grass prairie is a biome that exists in the expansive Cross Timbers region of Texas and Oklahoma. As the name suggests, the most obvious features of the mid-grass prairie are middle height grasses such as little bluestem, sand bluestem, blue grama and side-oats grama, which average between one and one half to three feet. Technically, prairies have less than 5% to 11% tree cover. These grassy, open areas are typically seen adjacent to thick stands of forested areas in the Cross Timbers region offering an interesting contrast from the prairie to the forested biome in the region. Cross Timbers Park preserves one such example of a prairie just east of the sports complex.

Native mid-grass prairies are home to numerous wildlife species including bobwhite quail, scaled quail, turkey, prairie-chicken, white tailed deer, coyote, bobcat, jackrabbit and raccoon. Numerous smaller wildlife species exist within the park, but the larger species have been driven away by urbanization and rapid development.



Early Summer Color



Turkey

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Bee Balm



Thistle, Smilax, & Black-eyed Susan