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### Abstract

From the highlands of central Mexico entirely across the Unit  
into Canada extends the great midcontinental area of grasslan  
prairie extends westward across Wyoming into eastern Utah, ;  
through northern New Mexico into northern Arizona. Other g  
cover most of southern Idaho, a part of northern Utah, large  
and Washington, and recur in British Columbia. The Pacific pr  
Valley of California, and the Desert Plains grassland much of s  
Mexico and southwestern Texas. Together they constitute the  
Formation, which is the most extensive and most varied of all  
vegetation of the North American continent. In fact, grassland  
cent of the land surface of the United States (Shantz & Zon 19

Throughout the entire prairie or grassland formation the climatic conditions are more favorable to grasses than to trees or shrubs or indeed any other type of vegetation. In a vast range of grassland climate there are marked differences in the degree of favorableness or unfavorableness to growth even for species of grassland, as well as differences of precipitation and relative rates of evaporation. The differences in the length of the growing season are of less importance, since all of the grasslands are limited by the summer temperature limits favorable to growth of the grasses. The differences in precipitation and evaporation decreases and evaporation increases from east to west in the prairie region, and these differences there have resulted several different types or associations of prairie vegetation over a large extent by a distinctly different minor grassland climate. These differences were determined and their approximate boundaries delimited after the work of E. Clements, ecologist for the Carnegie Institution of Washington. The Tall-grass Prairie, True Prairie, and Mixed Prairie, respectively

In correlation with the amount of precipitation, grasses fall into three main groups: *tall grasses*, such as big bluestem and slough grass; *medium grasses*, such as prairie dropseed; and *short grasses*, illustrated by buffalo grass. The Tall-grass Prairie everywhere owes its character to the most important species, which are called dominants since they largely control the abundance of other species, and often the very existence of other species. This control is exerted through their influence upon the water supply, light, and other factors of the surrounding environment. Most of these dominants are bunch-formers although some are also runners, and rarely by stolons, to form a dense sod.

Prairie is not merely land covered with grass. It is a complex system of interrelated parts developed and adjusted throughout the history of the prairie. The prairie is the handiwork of climate and of soil. Vegetation is not determined by these agencies but is an expression of them. It is quite as proper to speak of prairie climate as of prairie vegetation. The prairie may be considered as a complex of view; a most important one is that of the species of which it is composed. The prairie is distinguished by its dominant species, subdominant species, and also important. Several years of study over an area of 60,000 square miles of prairie of the Missouri Valley have shown that there are about 25 controlling species which make up the general background of the prairie. A group of 25 minor grasses and sedges of uplands was determined

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