

Muhly Grass

muhlenbergia capillaris



Muhly Grass potted

Muhly Grass, commonly known as hairgrass, is a tough, Florida and Mexico native grass useful in many different landscape settings. Its glossy, wiry, thread-like, dark green leaves have a wispy look than most ornamental grasses. The most distinguishing feature about this grass is its fall flower. Masses of billowy inflorescence of massed, pinkish-red flowers rise above the foliage in a beautiful fall bloom lasting for six to eight weeks. The flowers produce tan seed plumes that are less than half an inch long and remain attractive in the winter.

This easy to grow ornamental grass produces clumps that can reach three to five feet tall and up to three feet wide when mature. Best grown in sandy or rocky, well-drained soil in full sun to light shade. It has an extreme tolerance to drought and flooding making it suited for wetland sites as well as beach front landscapes.

Muhly grass adds a nice, fine-texture for landscapes. It makes a spectacular groundcover when planted in masses and does well in edging and borders as well as centerpieces. Even after the flower stalks fade, thanks to its slender, dark green foliage, it still looks good in the landscape.



Muhly Grass flowers



Muhly Grass leaves

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Muhly Grass in the landscape

Common Names:

Hairgrass, Pink Muhly Grass; Texas Muhly Grass; Gulf Muhly Grass; Hairy-awn Muhly Grass

Native Origin :

Florida and Mexico

Environment:

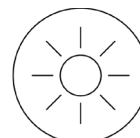
Soil: extended flooding, alkaline, acidic, clay, loam, or sand
Sand: moderate
Exposure: full sun

Description:

Hardy Range: 7 - 11
Mature Height: 3 - 5'
Mature Spread: 2 - 3'
Growth Rate: moderate
Growth Habit: clumping

Ornamental Characteristics:

Muhly Grass has a clumping form growing 3 to 4 feet tall and about as wide. A stiff, upright growth habit makes this markedly different from many other grasses. Purple flowers emerge late summer and fall well above the foliage and can literally cover the foliage.



Full Sun



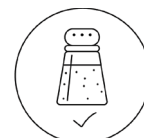
Florida Native



High drought tolerance



Medium growth



Salt tolerant



Wetlands