

November 2024 Plant of the Month

Pink Muhly Grass

Muhlenbergia capillaris

Plant Form: Ornamental grass

Water Use: Low, moderate

Mature Size: 2-3 ft. tall & wide

Exposure: Full sun, part sun

Bloom Time: Summer (July – Aug), Fall (Sept – Nov)

Native to: Texas, Northern Mexico

Hardiness: Cold hardy to -10°F

Pink Muhly Grass is a traffic-stopper with its masses of airy, pink to purple flower plumes in late summer and fall. Plant on the east or west side of your yard to collaborate with the morning or evening sun to help provide the dramatic backlighting that accentuates this plant's seasonal color. This fast-growing, heat-tolerant, cold-tolerant, drought-tolerant ornamental grass is an easy-care, low-water-use plant that is also rabbit and deer-resistant (what more could you want?). Pink Muhly can also tolerate full sun, reflected heat, and part shade, as well as almost any soils, including clay. Use this well-behaved, native clumping grass instead of the invasive Fountain Grass, and tuck cuttings into flower arrangements for magical texture. Prune vigorously in spring to remove spent flower spikes and dormant foliage, but avoid cutting back during the hot summer months. 'Regal Mist' is a popular cultivar grown from cuttings to ensure consistent color. Use as an accent or border, along driveways, by patios, in mass plantings for drama, or on slopes for erosion control or bank stabilization.



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