

MEXICAN FEATHER GRASS

NASSELLA TENUISSIMA

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

Size

1 - 2' high, 1 - 2' wide

Sun/Shade

Full Sun to Part Shade

Water

Medium to Dry

Maintenance

Low

Life Span

Perennial, Zones 7-10

Description

Nassella tenuissima, also known as Mexican Feather Grass and Fine Stem Needle Grass is an upright perennial ornamental grass with dense hair-like leaves of fine texture that move with the wind. The leaves are light green that turn to a light brown in the winter. It is an attractive ornamental plant all year long so the foliage should not be cut back until late winter before new growth emerges in the spring. It blooms in June with silvery/gray/yellow spikelets at its tips. It self-seeds manageably with seeds resembling grain. It is a nice addition to rock gardens, play areas as well as being a good container plant. There are potential problems with aphids and leaf spot and also root and/or crown rot if the soil is too moist. This plant is deer resistant and, because it grows in clumps, it is tolerant of erosion and drought.

Source: [NC State Cooperative Extension](#), [Missouri Botanical Garden](#)



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