



## ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Sideoats Grama or Navajita Banderilla *Bouteloua curtipendula*

**DESCRIPTION:** A small to medium sized perennial bunchgrass, growing quickly to a height of 2' to 3.5' tall, but remaining rather narrow, with a width of around 1'. Flower spikes appear any time in the warm season. Florets hang on one side of the spike, and turn straw-colored when mature. Wind pollinates the plant, and its delicate, yellow-orange stamens can be seen hanging from each floret when in bloom. Sideoats Grama is an important native forage grass for many desert herbivores, and can be found growing throughout our region, from the dry deserts to pine forests, and the tropical deciduous forests of Sonora. It is a larval food plant for the Range Caterpillar Moth.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Accent, enhanced desert revegetation, rock garden.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Sideoats Grama is hardy to at least 10°F, and will come back if frozen.



**Sun tolerance:** Grow it in full sun to light shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Once established, watering can be quite minimal, although it benefits in health and appearance from additional watering. Fertilization is usually not necessary.



**Soil requirements:** It will do well in any soils that drains.



**Pruning:** If it gets too large or open it can be cut back severely.