



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Big Galleta *Hilaria rigida*

DESCRIPTION: Big Galleta is a perennial, shrub-like grass. This native of North America usually occurs in sandy soils up to 5000' elevation. It has a rough appearance; with coarse blue-green leaves forming a dense clump 3' X 4'. From spring through fall it produces slender, dense spikes of greenish flowers. Big Galleta is fast growing, long-lived, and very drought tolerant. It should be planted in full sun and cut to the ground every few years.

RECOMMENDED USE: Most often used for erosion control and revegetation. Plant in an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: 10°F.



Sun tolerance: Full sun.



Watering and feeding: Very drought tolerant once established.



Soil requirements: Well-drained soil,



Pruning: Can be cut back severely to rejuvenate.