



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Pink Muhly *Muhlenbergia capillaris*

DESCRIPTION: At first glance this grass resembles its close relative: *Muhlenbergia reverchon* (Seep Muhly), but is more beautiful. Pink Muhly is a large, bold grass, often topping out at 4 feet tall. It blooms earlier in the fall with soft pink flowers. Older plants form a curly thatch of foliage resembling a soft cushion. Seed plumes are a food source for birds and an attractant to lady bugs. It is extremely resistant to browsing by deer and other animals. It is native to east Texas, found in wet prairies and well-drained upland pine forests, and moisture conditions

-Regal Mist® is a form with narrow, glossy green leaves. A frothy haze of deep pink flowers covers the plant in the fall.

-‘White Cloud’ stands out in the late fall with its white airy plumes elevated high.

RECOMMENDED USE: This is a wonderful grass to incorporate into meadows or to plant around water features and seeps. Use in an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape as a solitary statement or in mass plantings.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: 0°F.



Sun tolerance: Plant in full sun, reflected heat, or part shade.



Watering and feeding: Low water use once established, but appreciates extra summer irrigation. Feed in the spring.



Soil requirements: Can tolerate a variety of soil types



Pruning: Cut this fast-growing plant to the ground in late winter or early spring to remove the brown leaves and spent flowers.