



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Mexican Feather Grass *Nassella tenuissima*

DESCRIPTION: Mexican Feather Grass is an airy plant, growing to 2' X 2'. It forms a clump of chartreuse thread-like leaves and stems which turns gold in the winter. Light breezes turn this fine-textured and billowy grass into living sculpture. It is fairly short-lived, but will reseed in the landscape. This fast-growing grass is native to New Mexico, Texas, Mexico and Argentina, at elevations from 5000 to 7000 feet.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as an accent, for its form, or a distant “prairie” look, or in a large container.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: -10°F.



Sun tolerance: Plant in full sun to part shade



Watering and feeding: Low to moderate water use. Feeding not usually necessary in the ground. It can be invasive in wetter landscapes.



Soil requirements: Provide excellent drainage



Pruning: Cut back in early spring to remove dormant foliage and dried seed heads.