

Muhlenbergia capillaris



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(Gulf muhly, Pink muhly grass, Pink hair grass)

This is a fine textured grass with narrow medium green leaves, mounding to 2 ft. tall. In autumn, this unique specimen creates a spectacular, billowy inflorescence of massed, delicate rose pink, airy flower panicles on 4 foot stems. It is noted for its tolerance to poorly drained soil. It is great massed in borders, meadows and native gardens, and is native to southern U.S., Mexico, and Central and South America. It thrives best in full sun or partial shade in average but well drained soil. Most are tolerant of drought and heat and require little summer water once established. Deep pink or white flowering forms are now available.

GRASSES, SEDGES AND RUSHES

(Courtesy of the Santa Clara County Master Gardeners

All these do well in our area)

***Carex tumulicola* , foothill sedge (Native)**

***Chondropetalum tectorum*, cape rush**

***Miscanthus sinensis* ‘Yaku Jima’, Yaku Jima silver grass**

***Muhlenbergia dubia*, pine muhly**