

**Botanical Name:** *Muhlenbergia capillaris*

**Common Name:** Pink Muhly Grass

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**PERENNIAL**



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

**Family:** Poaceae,

**Origin:** North America, East of the Rockies

**Climate Zone:** USDA 5-9, Sunset 4-24

**Mature Height:** 3 feet, flower stalks to 4 feet

**Mature Width:** 3 feet

**Plant Type:** Evergreen

**Growth Habit:** Mounding, clumping

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Flower Color/Details:** Pink to purple, about 18 inches to the top of the flower stalk

**Flower Season:** Fall

**Bark:** N/A

**Fruit:** Short, brown seeds on the flower stalk

**Foliage:** Grass green, thin, wiry leaves, turns tan after a freeze

**Use:** Borders, hedges, rock garden, mass plantings, container

**Floral:** Dry flower arrangements

**Wildlife/Beneficials:** Supports beneficial insects, including ladybugs, shelter for native birds

**Deer Resistant:** Yes

**Fire Resistant:** Yes

**Medicinal Uses/Edible:** Unknown

**Adverse Factors:** May self-sow

**Soil:** Adaptable

**Exposure:** Full sun, light shade

**Water Requirements:** Low; drought-tolerant.

**WUCOLS Water Needs:** L L M L M M

**UC Davis Arboretum All-Star:** No

**Description:** Stunning color comes on late, lasts until frost. Hardy evergreen in mild winters. Often referred to as Hairawn Muhly, Gulf Muhly.

**Maintenance:** Trim away browned seedheads. Prune leaves only when dead foliage collects, causing the clump to die back; then cut in late winter straight across, 6 inches tall. Pruning too often, while the plant is actively growing, or during extreme temperatures will retard growth. Do not fertilize. Looks best with moderate water until flowers, stop watering in late August.



#1 Nursery Container