

**Botanical Name:** *Muhlenbergia capillaris*

**Common Name:** Pink Muhly, Gulf Muhly



**Family:** Poaceae

**Habitat:** Sandy plains, washes, grasslands

**Native Distribution:** Texas, Mexico

**Elevation:** Up to 3,500 ft

**Hardiness:** 0°F

**Type:** Evergreen

**Size:** 4' tall x 4' wide

**Shape:** Mounding, clumping

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Flowers:** Pink to reddish-purple flower spikes that extend 8-12" above the clump

**Bloom Season:** Fall to early winter

**Fruit:** Tan seeds

**Foliage:** Yellow- to gray-green blades

**Exposure:** Full/reflected/part sun

**Shade:** N/A

**Water Requirements:** Low

***Muhlenbergia capillaris* (Pink Muhly) in Phoenix xeriscapes:** Pink Muhly adds a soft, feathery look to Phoenix xeriscapes, especially around taller cacti and boulders. Use as fall color with backlighting from morning or afternoon sun. Excellent as a massed planting or around a water feature and good for low-maintenance color in medians and parking areas. Low litter, no thorns.

**Wildlife:** N/A

**More about *Muhlenbergia capillaris* (Pink Muhly):**

- Pink Muhly will look better with regular water during the summer; difficult to over-water this plant.
- Look for *Muhlenbergia capillaris* Regal Mist®, a locally grown cultivar.
- Shear *Muhlenbergia capillaris* before spring to remove browned flower spikes and foliage.
- Pink Muhly doesn't readily re-seed like other grasses can.