

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.