

Botanical Name: *Muhlenbergia dumosa*

Common Name: Bamboo Muhly



Bamboo Muhly (center) with Pink Muhly (right).

Family: Poaceae

Habitat: Rocky washes, canyons

Native Distribution: Arizona, N Mexico

Elevation: Up to 3,500 ft

Hardiness: 10°F

Type: Evergreen

Size: 4' tall x 4' wide

Shape: Bunching

Growth Rate: Moderate

Flowers: Inconspicuous light lavender flowers

Bloom Season: Spring

Fruit: Tiny seedheads

Foliage: Fine yellow-green blades

Exposure: Full/part sun

Shade: N/A

Water Requirements: Moderate

***Muhlenbergia dumosa* (Bamboo Muhly) in Phoenix**

xeriscapes: *Muhlenbergia dumosa* adds a soft, feathery look to Phoenix xeriscapes, especially around cacti, boulders or other hardscapes.

Excellent in a massed planting, around a water feature or swimming pool, or as erosion control.

Bamboo Muhly can work well in a large container. Low litter, no thorns.

Wildlife: N/A

More about *Muhlenbergia dumosa* (Bamboo Muhly):

- *Muhlenbergia dumosa* somewhat resembles bamboo.
- Bamboo Muhly will turn brown with drought or cold, and will look better with regular irrigation during the summer.
- Shear to remove Bamboo Muhly's browned flower spikes and foliage.
- *Muhlenbergia dumosa* doesn't readily re-seed like other grasses can; spreads via rhizomes.
- Bamboo Muhly can have medicinal properties.