



ARISTIDA PURPUREA PURPLE THREE AWN

The purple-tinted stems and flowers of *Aristida purpurea* attract attention during the warm months, especially where it grows abundantly along roadsides. Purple three awn has an erect growth habit, and forms a small clump to about 2 feet tall and wide. The fine-textured foliage can range in color from green to blue. In the fall, the three long awns attached to each seed glow in the sunlight. It can either be scattered among native shrubs and perennials, or planted in masses for maximum impact. Purple three awn has a wide distribution, growing at elevations from 1000 to 5000 feet in Arizona, Utah, Texas, New Mexico, and into the plains and northern Mexico. It thrives in sunny, dry locations, with minimal irrigation. Too much water or poor drainage will cause problems. It is hardy to -10° F. Be warned that this little grass reseeds prolifically, and will migrate round the landscape. Its seeds have an annoying habit of clinging to socks, so keep plants away from traffic patterns. USDA Zone 6.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	2 feet x 2 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Purple tinted
FLOWER SEASON	Summer - Fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	-10° F, USDA Zone 6
PRUNING	Cut back in winter



GRASS