



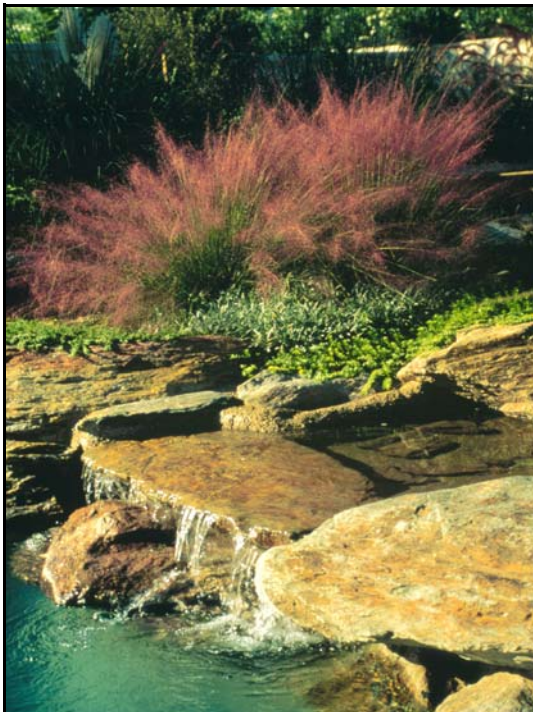
MUHLENBERGIA CAPILLARIS REGAL MIST™

OUTSTANDING FEATURES: *Muhlenbergia capillaris* **Regal Mist**™ is one of the most attractive and popular ornamental grasses grown in the southwest. Its relatively small size, glossy green foliage, and misty pink flower spikes set it apart from other selections.

DESCRIPTION: **Regal Mist**™ is a clumping grass that grows to 3 feet tall and wide. The flowering clusters add about 1 foot, giving the plant a height of 4 feet when in bloom. The narrow leaf blades are a glossy dark green color, and grow to 1.5 inches long. Flower spikes are a deep pinkish-red color; with a loose, open appearance that give the tops of the plants a feathery look. These flowering stalks appear in fall and early winter, although bloom periods vary slightly with temperature. Plants in Tucson and Phoenix start blooming in September and continue until November, with a peak in October. In cooler areas like Albuquerque and Las Vegas plants start blooming a little earlier.

CULTURE/MAINTENANCE: This grass is hardy to -10 degrees F, although it begins to go dormant when temperatures drop to the low 20's. It is surprisingly drought-tolerant, surviving extended periods with minimal supplemental water once established. However, plants will look better and flower more profusely if given regular supplemental water from spring through fall. If plants do not receive ample summer irrigation, they tend to brown out. Do not be afraid of overwatering this plant, as it can tolerate ample irrigation and periodic flooding. **Regal Mist**™ has a moderate to fast growth rate, flowering even in one gallon containers. *Muhlenbergia capillaris* **Regal Mist**™ tolerates most soil conditions. Plants should be cut back hard in late winter or early spring to remove spent flower spikes and any brown leaves. Although **Regal Mist**™ is not sterile, it has not reseeded in landscapes when watered with drip irrigation.

IDENTIFICATION: Currently there are five species of *Muhlenbergia* in cultivation. *Muhlenbergia capillaris* **Regal Mist**™ is readily distinguished from the others by its smaller size, glossy green foliage, and feathery plumes of pinkish-red flowers.



LANDSCAPE APPLICATION: Use **Regal Mist**™ as a fall-flowering color plant. The delicate pink flower spikes are quite attractive when backlit by early morning or late afternoon sun. Group several plants together for a meadow effect. Place *Muhlenbergia capillaris* **Regal Mist**™ in reflected sun, full sun or lightly filtered sun. It looks especially attractive when massed in large open spaces, and is a popular choice for landscaping golf courses. It has also been used successfully in street medians and roadway plantings. Like the other *Muhlenbergia* species, it is a natural choice for planting around water features. *Muhlenbergia lindheimeri* **Autumn Glow**™ provides a wonderful backdrop for **Regal Mist**™, since it is slightly taller and blooms at the same time with creamy yellow flower spikes. **Regal Mist**™ looks great planted in a grove of native mesquites (*Prosopis juliflora*) or Desert Willow (*Chilopsis linearis* **Lucretia Hamilton**™).

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PRECAUTIONS: If plants look brown and stressed during the summer, they probably need more water. Plants can be cut back any time of year to remove brown foliage, and promote a new flush of green leaves. At least one shearing per year, in early spring, is recommended to keep plants looking lush. Rabbits do seem to like the foliage!

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (HEIGHT x WIDTH)	3 Feet x 3 Feet (4 Feet x 4 Feet with spikes)
FLOWER COLOR	Pinkish red
FLOWER SEASON	Fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun, reflected sun, filtered sun
WATER	Moderate
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	-10° F USDA 6
PRUNING	Shear in late winter
HARDY IN THESE CITIES	Phoenix, Tucson, Palm Desert, San Diego, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Albuquerque, El Paso, San Antonio, Dallas, Austin, Houston, West Texas



Above left and below: *Muhlenbergia capillaris* **Regal Mist**™ blooming on a project in Costa Mesa, California landscape, showing its spectacular fall color.



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