



BOUTELOUA CURTIPENDULA SIDEOATS GRAMA

The short-grass prairies of North America are dominated by two grasses: Sideoats grama and Blue grama. Both of these warm-season, clumping grasses are extremely cold hardy and durable. They should be grown in full sun, although they are tolerant of varied soil conditions. In the late spring and summer masses of distinctive flower spikes and seed heads are produced. As winter approaches, these plants go dormant. Adequate irrigation is required to keep these grasses green during the extreme heat of the low deserts. The seeds are used by wildlife. Sideoats grama forms a clump to 2 feet tall by 12-15 inches in diameter, with a 2-foot-tall flower spike rising above the plant in the spring, summer and fall. After blooming, large seeds form on one side of the stiff stalk. Its narrow blue-green leaves dry to a tan color in the winter months. It will benefit from a good hard pruning or mowing in the early spring to remove dormant winter foliage and spent flower spikes. USDA Zone 4.

| AT A GLANCE SUMMARY | |
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| SIZE (H X W) | 2 feet x 1 - 1 1/2 feet |
| FLOWER COLOR | Purple |
| FLOWER SEASON | Spring - Summer |
| EXPOSURE | Full sun |
| WATER | Low |
| GROWTH RATE | Moderate |
| HARDINESS | -30° F, Zone 4 |
| PRUNING | Cut back in early spring |



GRASS