

NASSELLA TENUISSIMA (STIPA TENUISSIMA) MEXICAN FEATHER GRASS

This delightful little grass is soft and inviting, bringing a unique texture to any landscape. Light breezes turn this fine-textured and billowy grass into living sculpture. Mexican feather grass grows to 18 to 24 inches tall and wide, forming a clump of threadlike leaves and stems. In the warm months Mexican feather grass is a refreshing chartreuse color, changing to gold as the temperatures drop. Tuck it among boulders and accent plants for a softening effect. It is spectacular in mass plantings! At higher elevations it thrives in full sun, but appreciates light shade in the low deserts. It is fast-growing and fairly short lived, but naturalizes in the landscape. To keep reseeding to a minimum, water with a drip irrigation system and avoid planting in regions with high rainfall. Mexican feather grass can be cut back in early spring to remove dormant foliage and dried seed heads.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	1-2 feet x 1-2 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Green
FLOWER SEASON	Summer
EXPOSURE	Full sun, part shade
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Moderate
HARDINESS	-10° F, USDA Zone 6
PRUNING	Cut back in early spring

It is native to NM, TX, Mexico and Argentina, at elevations from 5000 to 7000 feet.



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