



Muhlenbergia rigens Deer Grass

Dependable and adaptable, Deer Grass is the backbone of many desert gardens. The lush gray-green foliage softens boulders, cacti, and is ideal for use around water features. Native to the Southwest at elevations up to 7000 feet, Deer Grass thrives in varied conditions. It flourishes in full sun, reflected heat, and even tolerates partial shade. Deer Grass is extremely drought tolerant, although the foliage browns out if adequate water is not available in the summer. It also handles high rainfall, virtually any soils, and is quite cold tolerant. In the fall it sends up slender tan flower spikes that create a stunning contrast with the four to five foot mound of foliage. Since Deer Grass can reseed if watered with overhead irrigation, drip irrigation is recommended.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	4-5 feet x 4-5 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Tan
FLOWER SEASON	Fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun, reflected heat, part shade
WATER	Moderate
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	-10° F, USDA Zone 6
PRUNING	Cut back in early spring



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