



Sporobolus airoides Alkali Sacaton

While Alakali sacaton is used primarily for reclamation and revegetation projects, it has great potential as an ornamental grass. It has a very useful and desirable growth habit, forming a rounded clump to 3 feet tall by 4 feet wide. The wide green leaves turn gold in the fall, drying to a tan color in the winter months. In the summer it sends up tall, airy, rosy flower spikes that fade to tan. Alkali Sacaton grows in virtually any soils, including difficult saline situations. This trait, combined with its usefulness in soil stabilization, has made it an effective reclamation grass. Alkali sacaton is native across the western U.S. and Mexico, at elevations from 2500 to 6500 feet. It thrives in hot low deserts, and is cold hardy to -20° F. USDA Zone 5.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	3 feet x 4 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Rosy tint
FLOWER SEASON	Summer
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	-20° F, USDA Zone 5
PRUNING	Cut back in winter



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