

Nassella tenuissima

(Mexican Feather Grass)

Mexican Feather Grass is the most fine-textured grass. With light-green foliage, the slightest breeze will cause it to sway. This cool season (don't cut back in the hot months) grass retains its color year-round, although it might brown out somewhat in the heat of the summer. Light, wheat-colored seed heads emerge in May. Mexican Feather Grass requires dry soil and full sun, and it is very drought tolerant. Nassella tenuissima is especially spectacular planted in decorative containers, as border plants. Sensitive for overwatering. Fertilizing with a slow-release, somewhat sensitive to fertilizer, especially in summer months.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Cheveux d'ange

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: Southwest US, Mexico and Argentina

Heat Zones:

Hardiness Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10

Uses: Hedge, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container, Erosion control, Intensive Green Roof, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Upright

Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m

Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter

Time to Ultimate Height: 1 to 2 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 50 - 80

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Rough

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Fruit

Fruit Type: Caryopsis/Grain

Fruit Showiness: False

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Diseases: Leaf Spots

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Aphids

Plant Propagations: Division

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