

# Purple Needlegrass

## *Nassella pulchra*



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<b>CA Native:</b>	Yes; Northern Baja to Oregon
<b>Plant Community:</b>	Chaparral, Coastal Sage Scrub, Grassland, Oak Woodlands, Evergreen Forests
<b>Form:</b>	Perennial grass
<b>Size:</b>	1' high
<b>Light:</b>	Full sun
<b>Temperature:</b>	Sunset zones 5-9, 11, 14-24
<b>Water:</b>	Drought tolerant; Little to no water once established
<b>WUCOLS:</b>	1, 3-6 (VL); 2, 6 (L)
<b>Soil:</b>	Adaptable
<b>Flowers/Berries:</b>	4" long awns late winter to spring
<b>Deer resistance:</b>	Yes
<b>Fire resistance:</b>	No
<b>Wildlife value:</b>	Provides food and nesting material for birds
<b>Uses/Comments:</b>	Potential as a lawn substitute; Useful for soil stabilization and naturalistic plantings, mass plantings, meadows, and dry slopes; Will reseed itself ; State grass of California