



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

BULL GRASS or COLA de ZORRA *Muhlenbergia emersleyi*

DESCRIPTION: A medium-sized perennial bunchgrass, growing fairly quickly to 3' X 3'. Long, narrow leaves give it a graceful, fountain-like effect. Bull grass flowers during the warm weather, sending delicately branched, maroon tinted, flowering spikes one to two feet above the foliage. These persist for many weeks. As is typical of grasses, this species is wind pollinated. Bull Grass is native from the upper Sonoran Desert, up to the pine-oak forests.

RECOMMENDED USE: Accent, rock garden, enhanced desert revegetation.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Hardy to at least 10°F.



Sun tolerance: Give it full sun for most or all of the day for the best form and flowering.



Watering and feeding: Water during the warm to hot times of the year. Water use can be quite low, once established, but additional waterings can keep it looking good throughout the growing season. Fertilization is not usually necessary.



Soil requirements: the species tolerates a wide range of soil types.



Pruning: Cutting the plant back to a couple of inches tall once every couple of years doesn't hurt it and can improve the vigor and appearance.