



UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Great Basin Wildrye (*Leymus cinereus*)



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Zone: 4-9

Color: Brown

Bloom Time: June to August

Plant Type: Perennial grass

Mature Height: 3.5-7' tall

Mature Spread: 1-3' wide

Water Use: Low

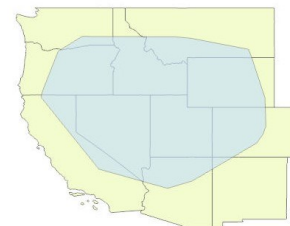
Soil Type: Clay and silty soils; coarse textured, gravelly, and stony soils.

Range and Native Habitat: The Great Basin Wildrye is wide ranging throughout the western United States. Due to its winter hardiness, it can be found from 2,000 up to 9,000 feet in elevation. It grows in a diverse array of habitats including grassland and prairie, forests, scrub, chaparral, and sagebrush.

Suggested Maintenance: This species requires little maintenance. It is not overly aggressive and does not easily spread. Some weed control will benefit establishment of seedlings. Delay removing old growth until early spring to allow for winter interest and to provide shelter for various types of wildlife during the colder months.

Other: This grass forms large, tall clumps and has a fibrous root system. Because of its height and density, it provides excellent cover for nesting upland birds, as well as winter forage.

Distribution Map



Wildlife Supported



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full sun to part shade



Water Needs
Low



Summer Irrigation
Max 2x / month once established



Soil Drainage
Fast



Propagation
By seed in fall or spring and division in early spring.