









USDA SUU UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Bluebunch Wheatgrass (Pseudoroegneria spicata)





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Zone: 4-8

Color: Yellow, brown

Bloom Time: Early summer **Plant Type:** Perennial grass Mature Height: 12-36" high

Mature Spread: 12-24" wide

Water Use: Low

Soil Type: Medium to coarse-textured soils, well-drained

Range and Native Habitat: The Bluebunch Wheatgrass can be found in the northern Great Plains, northern Rocky Mountains and Intermountain regions of the western United States. The most common habitats are open areas in sagebrush and juniper communities.

Suggested Maintenance: The Bluebunch Wheatgrass is easily seeded but does not do well with strongly competitive non-native grass species. 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 species is a long-lived and a cool season grass with an extensive root system. It is the state grass of Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Bluebunch Wheatgrass is palatable to all classes of livestock and wildlife (including cattle, horses, sheep, elk and deer) and provides a high amount of protein for grazing animals in the spring.

Wildlife Supported











Distribution Map



Landscaping Information





Water Needs



Summer Irrigation Max 1x / month once established



Soil Drainage

Fast



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