



UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Sideoats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*)



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Zone: 4-9

Color: Purple to tan

Bloom Time: June-November

Plant Type: Perennial grass

Mature Height: 2-3 ' tall

Mature Spread: 1-2 ' wide

Water Use: Low to medium water

Soil Type: Medium-textured, well-drained soils. Likes disturbed, igneous, limestone-based sands, loams, and clays.

Range and Native Habitat: Sideoats grama occurs throughout much of North America and grows on mountainous plateaus, rocky slopes, and sandy plains up to 7,000 feet in elevation.

Suggested Maintenance: Mow no more than 2x a year outside of the summer growing season. May be cut back in the winter but this is not necessary.

Other: Sideoats grama is a warm season bunch or sod-forming grass. The oat-like spikelets line one side of the stem and are consumed by birds. It works well with spring wildflowers because it stays short in the spring. It is the state grass of Texas. It is the larval host plant for several skipper butterflies and moths including the green skipper and dotted skipper butterflies.

Wildlife Supported



Distribution Map



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full sun to part shade



Water Needs
Low-medium



Summer Irrigation
Max 1x / month once established



Soil Drainage
Fast



Propagation
By seed, root division