



# UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

## Blue Grama Grass (*Bouteloua gracilis*)



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**Zone:** 3-8

**Color:** Green to yellow

**Bloom Time:** Mid to late summer

**Plant Type:** Perennial grass

**Mature Height:** 6-24" tall

**Mature Spread:** 1' wide

**Water Use:** Low water

**Soil Type:** Sand to loam to heavy clay

**Range and Native Habitat:** Blue grama grass is native to most states in the United States and occurs in hot, dry habitats such as upland prairies, plains, and open rocky woodlands below 7,000 feet. It is a dominant grass in dry, shortgrass prairies.

**Suggested Maintenance:** 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. Maintain grasses with infrequent mowing (monthly to 2x a year).

**Other:** Blue grama grass is also called "eyelash grass." It is the state grass of Colorado and New Mexico. The grass supports 13 species of butterfly larvae and provides forage for wild turkey, sparrows, and wrens. It is often used as an alternative, low maintenance lawn and in park strip plantings.

### Wildlife Supported



### Distribution Map



### Landscaping Information



**Sun**  
Full sun to part shade



**Water Needs**  
Very low



**Summer Irrigation**  
Max 2x / month once established



**Soil Drainage**  
Fast to medium



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