



# UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

## Alkali Sacaton (*Sporobolus airoides*)



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**Zone:** 4-9

**Color:** Yellow

**Bloom Time:** July to August

**Plant Type:** Perennial grass

**Mature Height:** 3-4' tall

**Mature Spread:** 2' wide

**Water Use:** Low water

**Soil Type:** Tolerates a variety of soils.

**Range and Native Habitat:** Alkali Sacaton occurs throughout the western United States, the Great Plains, Texas, Missouri, and Mexico. It grows in dry to moist sites in salt grass, salt desert shrub, sagebrush, and pinon-juniper communities, along waterways and roadways at elevations 2600 to 7700 feet.

**Suggested Maintenance:** Dormant plants may be cut back.

**Other:** Alkali Sacaton hosts butterflies and moths such as the Sandhill Skipper and White-lined Sphinx. This plant makes great ground cover, is drought tolerant, and is great for soil restoration.

### Wildlife Supported



### Distribution Map



### Landscaping Information



**Sun**  
Full sun



**Water Needs**  
Low, Medium, High



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



**Soil Drainage**  
Medium



**Propagation**  
By seed