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NASELLA

PRODUCTION AND CONSUMER CARE

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INTRODUCTION

- Common name: Mexican Feather Grass
- Scientific name: *Nasella tenuissima*
- Native to south central North America
- Graceful, delicate ornamental grass
- Grows in a dense fountain-like clump 1-2' high
- Leaves are rolled inward tightly to appear as wiry filaments
- Flowers form on a 6-12'' stalk standing above the leaves

- Plants bloom in late spring; the flowers turn golden during the summer and persist until fall
- Hardy in zones 7-11

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

- Grows well in full sun or partial shade
- Performs well in any well-drained media
- Extremely drought tolerant
- Plants stay green in winter but go dormant during the summer

PROPAGATION

- Normally propagated from seed
- Clumps can be divided, but the division is not always successful

DISORDERS

- No serious pest or disease problems

CONSUMER CARE

- One of the finest textured ornamental grasses
- Often used in rock gardens or naturalized meadows
- Flower clusters can be used in dried arrangements

- Self-sows readily and can be mildly invasive

CULTIVARS AND SPECIES

- *Nassella tenuissima*: fine, needle-like foliage, feathery flowers

References

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