



BOUTELOUA GRACILIS BLUE GRAMA

The short-grass prairies of North America are dominated by *Bouteloua* species, making Blue grama a natural choice for meadow gardens. This small bunchgrass grows to 2 feet tall and wide, and is easily identified by its distinctive curved “comblike” seedheads, which appear during the summer. These seedheads dance above the foliage, imparting a light, airy feel to the garden. Its narrow green leaves dry to a tan color in the winter months. In cool, moist climates *B. gracilis* can form a fairly dense sod. Or, combine it with perennial wildflowers and leave it unmowed for a casual feel. This warm-season, clumping grass is extremely cold hardy and durable. Plant in full sun, but provide ample summer irrigation in the low deserts to maintain a lush green look. It will benefit from a good hard pruning or mowing in the early spring to remove dormant winter foliage and spent flower spikes. USDA Zone 3.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	2 feet x 2 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Green to purple
FLOWER SEASON	Spring - Summer
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	-30° F, USDA Zone 3
PRUNING	Cut back in spring



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