



MUHLENBERGIA EMERSLEYI EL TORO BULL GRASS

El Toro grows in dense colonies in oak woodlands from Arizona to Texas. This clone was collected in southeastern Arizona, and was selected for its showy rosy-purple panicles. This petite, dense grass grows to about 2 feet tall and wide, with a slightly coarse texture. The long blue-green leaves are wider than the other Muhlenbergia species discussed here. In the fall months it sends up masses of loose, rosy-purple flower spikes, which dry to a tan color in the winter. This is one of the most drought-tolerant muhlys, and thrives in full sun and reflected heat locations. It also handles shady exposures, almost any soils, and is hardy to at least -10° F. A vigorous spring pruning will remove any dormant foliage and flower spikes. Be careful not to cut back during the hot summer months! USDA Zone 6.

| AT A GLANCE SUMMARY | |
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| SIZE (H X W) | 2 feet x 2-3 feet |
| FLOWER COLOR | Light Purple |
| FLOWER SEASON | Fall |
| EXPOSURE | Full sun, part shade |
| WATER | Moderate |
| GROWTH RATE | Fast |
| HARDINESS | -10° F, USDA Zone 6 |
| PRUNING | Cut back in early spring |



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