Chino Hills Purple Three Awn

Aristida purpurea 'Chino Hills'



Chino Hills Purple Three Awn
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Height: 30 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

A native grass that is fine textured, presenting purple flowers in the summer and fall that are very showy in sunlight; drought tolerant, and will tolerate some light frost, evergreen in mild winter areas

Ornamental Features

Chino Hills Purple Three Awn features showy plumes of purple flowers rising above the foliage from mid spring to mid fall. The tan seed heads are carried on showy plumes displayed in abundance from early fall to early winter. Its grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Chino Hills Purple Three Awn is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial grass with a shapely form and gracefully arching stems. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Chino Hills Purple Three Awn is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Chino Hills Purple Three Awn will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.