Coahoma Social Sedge

Carex socialis 'Coahoma'



Coahoma Social Sedge
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Height: 10 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A beautiful, fine textured ornamental grass that is ideal for shady woodlands, beds and containers; mounded hair-like foliage in slowly expanding, graceful clumps; adaptable, very tolerant of dry soils; easy to grow with little to no maintenance

Ornamental Features

Coahoma Social Sedge is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It features subtle spikes of green flowers rising above the foliage in late spring. Its attractive glossy threadlike leaves are bluish-green in color. The foliage often turns tan in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Coahoma Social Sedge is an herbaceous perennial grass with a mounded form. 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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Coahoma Social Sedge is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Coahoma Social Sedge will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in clay soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. 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.

Coahoma Social Sedge is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.