

## **Pink Muhly Grass** (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*)

Pink muhly grass or pink hair grass, is a clump-forming, warm season, perennial grass that is noted for its attractive summer foliage and spectacular clouds of fall flowers. It most frequently occurs in acidic soils in open woods, glades or openings along roads. Glossy, wiry, thread-like, dark green leaves and stems form an attractive basal clump to 2' tall. It is the fall flowering, however, that most distinguishes this grass. Masses of airy, open, loosely branched inflorescences (each to 12" long) in pink to pinkish-red float above the leaves in a lengthy fall bloom. Tan seed plumes remain attractive in winter. Plants typically grow to 3 'tall x 3 'wide when in flower.



**Plant Care:** Best grown in sandy or rocky, dry to medium moisture, well-drained soils in full sun to light shade. Best in full sun. Tolerant of heat, humidity, and drought, but generally grows taller with consistent moisture, so may water fairly often. Tolerates poor soils and urban conditions.

### **References:**

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