



Aristida purpurea, PURPLE THREE-AWN

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Coast Range Melic

Nassella pulchra,
Purple Needlegrass

Purple Three-Awn is a fine-textured perennial bunchgrass native to the foothills and deserts of southern California. Reddish-purple nodding, narrow panicles (flowers) appear spring through summer, turning gold and lasting for months. Blowing in the slightest breeze, the showy flowers glow in the sunlight and add a graceful element to the garden. Purple Three-Awn grows 12-20 inches tall and wide and is extremely heat and drought tolerant. In full sun in well-drained soil, allow it to dry between waterings. This grass will naturalize and reseed under favorable conditions.

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