

MEXICAN FEATHER GRASS

STIPA TENUISSIMA



THIS DELICATE, LIGHT AS A FEATHER GRASS REACHES ABOUT 18" TALL AND 2' ACROSS. PLANTED IN DRIFTS, IT BRINGS TO MIND SWIRLING FOAMY WATER OR DRIFTS OF SAND IN A DUNE. ITS SEED HEADS APPEAR IN EARLY SUMMER AND FLOAT ABOVE THE NARROW GRASS BLADES, CATCHING SUNLIGHT UNTIL THEY FAIRLY GLOW. CREATES A GREAT FOIL FOR WILDFLOWERS WITH ENOUGH HEIGHT TO HOVER ABOVE IT, SUCH AS THE VERBENA IN THE PHOTO HERE. TOUGH AS NAILS, IT IS QUITE DROUGHT TOLERANT AND DEER RESISTANT, AND WILL INVARIABLY SEED ITSELF TO EXPAND THE STAND. WHEN THE SILVERY BLOOM STARTS TO LOOK RATTY, IT CAN BE CUT BACK, OR EVEN COMBED WITH A RAKE TO MAKE WAY FOR NEW GROWTH

SUN TO PART SHADE

ZONES 7-11

