

Distichlis spicata

Salt Grass



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PERENNIAL GRASS

Less than 1' high, 2' spread.

Spreads by underground stem (rhizome).

Striking pink flowers - spring.

Native habitat: Coast marshes or other alkaline areas - throughout California.

Full sun to part shade.

Tolerates alkaline conditions but likes moist soil.

Drought tolerant but needs water 2 to 4 x /month.

Larval food plant for many species of Skippers.

Excellent lawn substitute as it tolerates heavy foot traffic. Also good on slopes for erosion control and for restoration of salt marshes.

