

*Stipa cernua* (*Nassella cernua*)  
Nodding Needlegrass



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PERENNIAL BUNCHGRASS

1 – 3' high. Large clumps. Slender, wavy stems.

Very similar to *Stipa pulchra* except has more compact growth, finer leaf blades and more flower spikes per plant.

Flowers with nodding awns - April to May.

Native habitat: coastal sage scrub, woodland, grassland - dry slopes below 4500' - San Diego County north, Coast Ranges, Sierra foothills.

Full sun to light shade. Frost and heat resistant.

Water until established. Survives with little or no summer water, but will stay greener longer with some water.

Best in large masses and drifts.

Good for erosion control and for restoring degraded areas.

