Stipa lepida (Nassella lepida) Foothill Needlegrass

PERENNIAL BUNCHGRASS

2 - 3' high, 2' wide.

Leaves fine, dull gray-green. Dry leaves persist into winter.

Delicate flower/seed heads in loose nodding panicles, 6 - 8" - spring.

Native habitat: coastal sage scrub, chaparral, oak grassland - dry slopes below 4000', Baja California to northern California, Channel Islands.

Full sun to part shade. Frost resistant.Water 1 x /month.Puts out new leaves with water, even in late summer.

Accent plant, meadows. Shimering, graceful. Mow to crown when plant needs rejuvenating.

