

Stipa pulchra (*Nassella pulchra*)

Purple Needle Grass

PERENNIAL BUNCHGRASS

2 - 3' high, 2' wide.

Leaves deep green, slender blades.

Flower/seed heads in 6 to 8"

delicate nodding panicles with
purplish cast - spring.



Photographs by Carolyn Martus

Native habitat: coastal sage scrub,
chaparral etc. on dry slopes
below 5000' - Baja California
to northern California.



Full sun to part shade.

Frost resistant.

Water none to 1 x /month.

Puts out new growth with water.

Accent plant, meadow.

Shimmering and graceful.

Mow to crown when plant needs
rejuvenating.

Stipa pulchra is our State Grass.



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