

*Sporobolus airoides*  
Alkali Dropseed

PERENNIAL BUNCHGRASS

2-3' high, as wide.

Arching mounds.

Foliage fine, brownish-purple.

Fine, delicate pink, cloud-like flowers, 2-3' above the foliage—  
June to July. Turn golden late in season.

Native habitat: moist alkaline places, salt marshes, alkali sinks  
below 5000 feet, coastal sage scrub (cismontane southern  
California, deserts, to Washington and Texas, Mexico.

Full sun.

Moist, well-drained soil, but tolerates heavy, sandy, and clay soils.  
Tolerant of alkaline and saline conditions.

Drought tolerant, but more attractive with some water.

One of the major constituents of the California's central valley grasslands—before agriculture.

Nice accent in dry gardens. Good massed for a groundcover or meadow. Effective for erosion control.

