

Sideoats Grama

Bouteloua curtipendula

Full sun

12 to 42 inches tall

Perennial

Warm-Season, Native

Drought tolerant



Culture: Sideoats grama is the state grass of Texas, but this medium-tall grass mixes well in planting with wildflowers. Birds love the ripe seed. Because it stays short in the spring, it works well with spring wildflowers. In nature, this plant increases rapidly when its site is damaged by drought or grazing.

Growth Habit: Sideoats grama stems grow from strong, scaly rhizomes. Hairs grow out of small, bulb-like spots on the edges of leaf blades. The inflorescence has a zigzag rachis with many (20 to 50) spikelets twisting around on one side when ripe. Seeds resemble oats. Sideoats grama grows on a variety of sites. Matures seed in spring and fall.

Notes: In 1971 Sideoats Grama was named the State Grass of Texas. Good grazing for both livestock and wildlife.

Sideoats Grama can be viewed in the Master Gardener's demonstration Garden located behind Hood County Annex 1 on 1410 W. Pearl St. Granbury, Texas