

# Side Oats Grama

*Bouteloua curtipendula*

-Are you a grandparent? If so, try planting some Side Oats Grama. This short prairie grass has one of the most attractive flowers of any grass. Its bright purple and orange flowers lend it a special grace and beauty.

-Side Oats Grama is equally attractive in the seed, with small oat-like seeds suspended on one side of the stalk. It grows excellently in dry soils, and well-drained loams. It reaches heights of 2-3 feet in height and should be planted in full sun.

-Side Oats Grama is very effective at stopping erosion when planted with other short prairie grasses and flowers in more of a meadow-type restoration. Other short prairie grasses that I would recommend planting with it would be Little Bluestem and Prairie Dropseed.

