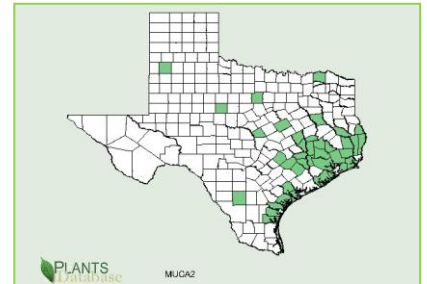


# NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF TEXAS

## *Lindheimer Chapter*

PLANT OF THE MONTH  
SEPTEMBER, 2012

### **GULF MUHLY, *MUHLENBERGIA CAPILLARIS***



USDA Range Map: Texas

#### **Gulf Muhly**

Gulf Muhly is one of several native Texas grasses that make wonderful landscape plants. The distinguishing feature of Gulf Muhly is its pink seed heads that appear in the fall. They are particularly showy when grown in masses and seen backlit by the morning or evening sun. It can be used in a wildflower meadow or massed in a more formal bed.

Gulf Muhly grows about 1 ½ to 3' tall. It prefers a well drained sandy or sandy loam soil in sun or part shade. In its native habitat it is found in prairies and forest openings from the Gulf Coast north to Massachusetts.

It requires regular watering to get it established, but can withstand some mild drought after that. It should be cut back in mid February, to remove the previous year's dead growth and to stimulate new growth. Since it is at its showiest in the fall, it can be planted among spring blooming wildflowers, which will have faded when its seed heads begin to get their pink fall color. Like most native grasses, Gulf Muhly is deer resistant.

Note: Gulf Muhly is a NPSOT NICE!™ selection for Fall 2012