



Purple Lovegrass

Eragrostis spectabilis

Growing Information

- Plant Type: Perennial
- Sunlight: Sun, part shade
- Soils: Poor, average to dry
- Bloom Time: Bronzy purple/red inflorescence in August, September
- Size: 8-14 inches in height; 10-16 inch spread

Plant this low, bunching grass with a mounding habit in sunny open perennial borders, meadows, or along roadsides. The inflorescence exhibits a fluffy texture giving a purple haze to the landscape when planted in groups. Provides erosion control on roadsides and hillsides. Native to Cape Cod.

Garden Companions

Eastern Prickly Pear Cactus (*Opuntia humifusa*), Flowering Spurge (*Euphorbia corollata*), Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia fulgida*), White Wood-aster (*Eurybia divaricata*)

Nature Benefits

- Popular with insect herbivores such as leafhoppers
- Caterpillar host for the Zabulon Skipper
- Birds use dry panicles for nesting

Natural Habitat

Occurs in coastal beaches, meadows and prefers disturbed sandy areas.