

# *Eriocoma hymenoides*

# Indian Ricegrass



**Plant type:**

Perennial cool-season bunchgrass

**Season of Interest:**

Summer

**Height:** up to 2'

**Spread:** 1-1.5'

**Water needs:**

Low

**Native Region:**

CO, AZ, KS, NE, NM, OK, TX, UT, WY

**Elevation:**

up to 10,000'

**Important to know:**

Synonym *Achnatherum hymenoides*.

Larval host to skippers. Can be mown to 8" in early fall. Don't plant with aggressive plants.



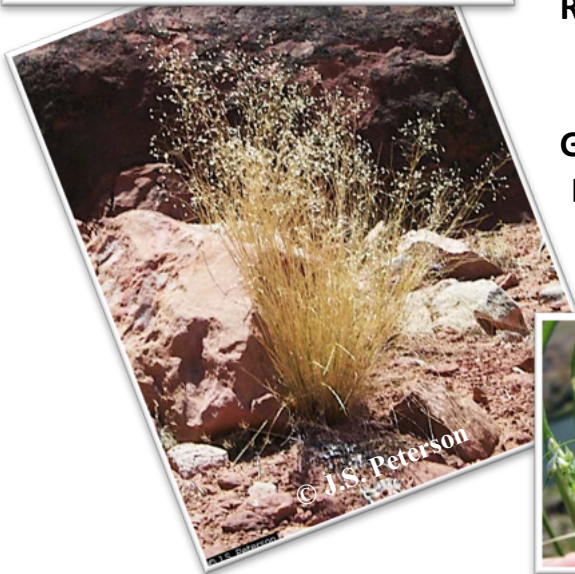
**Maintenance:** Low

**Characteristics:** Showy texture when it goes to seed

**Random Fact:** Reproduces only by seed. Seeds were important food source for Native Americans - much like rice is used.

**Garden uses:** Beds & borders; restoration

**Habitat:** Plains, mesas, dry slopes, grasslands and pinyon-juniper woodlands



**Ease of Propagation:** Medium

**Propagation:** Cold stratification required as hard seed cover prolongs dormancy. Scarify seeds mechanically with sandpaper and then cold moist stratify at 40°F by sowing outdoors in the fall (in cells or situ). *Seeds require 6-10 months of cold stratification to germinate.* [NRCS.USDA.gov]