

# *Thelesperma megapotamicum*

## Hopi Tea Greenthread



**Plant type:** Rhizomatous Perennial (creeping)  
**Season of Interest:** Apr to Oct  
**Height:** 12-32" **Spread:** up to 36"  
**Water needs:** low/dry  
**Native Region:** CO, AZ, KS, NE, NM, OK, TX, UT, WY  
**Elevation:** 3,500-7,500'  
**Important to know:** Spreads via rhizomes



**Maintenance:** Low  
**Characteristics:** "Greenthread" refers to its thread-like slender leaves  
**Garden uses:** Beds/borders  
**Habitat:** Open places of the eastern plains, outer foothills and disturbed areas  
**Random Fact:** Native Americans used flowers and stems to make a tea

### Ease of Propagation: Medium

**Propagation:** Sow in cells or in situ in mid-March (about 7 weeks before the last frost date). Cover lightly. Leaves emerge in 2 months when temps are around 60-65 and fluctuating widely night to day.

