

# Needle and Thread Grass

(Hesperostipa comata)



## Native grass

**Needle and Thread** grass is so called because of the unusually long twisted awns that are suggestive of a threaded sewing needle.

## Growth Habit

**Needle and Thread** grass is a densely tufted perennial with deep fibrous roots. It is a cool season long lived bunch grass. Very drought tolerant. Widely adapted to the prairies.

## Adaptation

**Needle and Thread** grass is very common in the southern regions, sporadic northward. Found in dry grasslands, often in sandy and poor soils, on river breaks and dry slopes. Adapted to brown, dark brown and black soils zones.

## Reclamation

**Needle and Thread** is considered to be a major climax species in the prairie region. Recommended for reseeding in the prairie region. Will naturally reclaim small or narrow disturbances in the absence of more competitive species.

## Quick Facts

Growth Habit	Flooding Tolerance	Drought Tolerance	Height	Seeds / lb
Densely Tufted	Poor	Very Good	.3 to 1.3 m	114,000