Lovegrass

Today on Gardening in a Minute: lovegrass.

Lovegrass is the common name of two native ornamental grasses, Elliot’s lovegrass and purple lovegrass. Both make excellent borders and accent plants and are very attractive in massed plantings.

Lovegrass grows in tufted clumps with stiff leaves. The flowers typically appear in the fall and have a distinctive purple, tan, or gray cast. The delicate, wispy blooms resemble a tinted mist above the foliage.

Lovegrass tolerates a range of conditions but does best in sandy soils. It should be planted in full sun or light shade. It’s very drought tolerant and shouldn’t require any supplemental irrigation once established. It’ll go dormant in the winter, but comes back each spring.

Lovegrass is very good for erosion control, and can be planted on steep slopes and in other difficult areas in the landscape.

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