

Agrostis perennans - Autumn Bentgrass



Native to fields, open woods, thickets and roadsides of North America, autumn bentgrass is a perennial bunchgrass, growing 8-30 inches tall. Bunchgrasses grow in tufts or clumps and have a limited spread. Autumn bentgrass has medium green to gray-green blades and reaches 3 1/2 feet in height. Lower blades droop, while the shorter upper blades are stiff and straight. Airy panicle inflorescences of delicate, many-branched spikelets appear in July. Plants cross pollinate by wind and may re-seed to form colonies.

Autumn bent grass grows well in moist sandy, loamy, or clay soil in sun. With fertile soil, the grass is taller and more robust. This grass will tolerate part shade but plants may be shorter and looser in structure.

Caterpillars of many species of skipper butterflies feed on plant foliage as do the larvae of several other insects.