

# BEARDLESS WILDRYE CREEPING WILDRYE

*Leymus triticoides*



## ORIGIN AND DESCRIPTION

Native to U.S. at low to medium elevations from Montana to Washington and south to west Texas and California. Medium height cool-season, coarse-leaves, sod-forming perennial. One to 3' tall, strong vigorous spreading rhizomes, up to 6' in one season. Leaves lax, dark green, with fine-stems. Seldom grows in extensive stands. Adapted to a wide range of soil textures and on sub-irrigated soils.

## GROWTH HABITS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PREFERENCES

Adapted to sandy to clay textured soils with moderate to higher moisture levels. Especially tolerant of saline and alkali soils. Will tolerate saline-sodic soils and poorly drained soils with water tables to 6" of surface. Will tolerate also early spring flooding. Generally adapted to 14 to 20" ppt. Grows up to 9,500' elevation in southwestern Colorado.

## CULTURE

Seed dormancy requires fall planting. Drill 1/2 - 1" deep in fine and medium textured soils. Cover lightly if broadcast. Seeding rates 6.5 to 13 lbs. PLS per acre. Increase rates when broadcast or on difficult sites.

## USE AND MANAGEMENT

Used for soil stabilization on channel, streams, and river slopes and restoration of mine lands, roads, riparian and range areas. Use for reclamation of saline-seeps, pasture and haylands on wet saline sites.

Native ecotypes perform well on sandy soils at high elevations for mine land restoration and stabilization.

## IMPROVED VARIETIES

'Shoshone' released from Montana.

'Rio' released from California.