

TUFTED HAIRGRASS

Deschampsia cespitosa



Beautiful fountain-shaped grass grows in clumps called tussocks. Delicate wands of golden-green-purple flowers emerge in spring. Green with winter rains, leaves turn golden brown in summer and fall. Deer resistant.

Larval food for butterflies. Can handle some saline water.



BIODIVERSITY VALUE

MEDIUM

BUTTERFLIES/MOTHS

6

BIRDS

White-crowned Sparrows, American and Lesser Goldfinches and House Finches



**WHITE-CROWNED
SPARROW**



**LESSER
GOLDFINCH**



**HOUSE
FINCH**



TYPE Grass



SIZE 3 ft. tall / 3 ft. wide



SUN Full sun, part shade; component of meadows as well as near ponds or streams.



WATER Maximum of 1 time per week once established.



SOIL Sand or clay soil tolerant.

Learn more at: cnps-yerbabuena.org & goldengatebirdalliance.org

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