



MORE PERENNIAL BUNCHGRASSES

Deschampsia caespitosa,
Tufted Hair Grass
Festuca californica,
California Fescue
Leymus condensatus,
Giant Wild Rye
Melica imperfecta,
Coast Range Melic
Sporobolus airoides,
Alkali Dropseed

Muhlenbergia rigens, DEERGRASS

The largest grower of California native plants in the state, Tree of Life Nursery has been located on the historic Rancho Mission Viejo in San Juan Capistrano for over 20 years. Largely a wholesale nursery, the *Roundhouse Plant Store* is open to the public Fridays year-round and Saturdays in fall and spring. For those interested in learning more, we offer a large selection of books on the California region regarding landscaping and horticulture, natural history, conservation, and more. The nursery's catalog, "Plants of El Camino Real," is a beautifully arranged collection of information about the plants we grow, with helpful hints for landscapers and gardeners looking for the right plant for the right place. Come experience Tree of Life for yourself!

Deergrass is a large, perennial bunchgrass found in canyons and woodlands below 7,000 feet. It grows up to 3 feet tall and wide, with olive green foliage and tall, slender, buff-colored flower spikes in summer that can reach 5 feet. A striking accent, this cool-season grass is heat and drought tolerant and looks nice in masses, adding an element of texture to plantings on slopes, borders and parkways. Plant it in full sun or partial shade in well drained soil and water once or twice a month for best results. Native Americans ground the seeds into a meal and used the flower stalks for weaving baskets. Plant Deergrass with *Arctostaphylos*, *Artemisia*, *Ceanothus*, *Cercocarpus*, *Epilobium*, *Eriogonum*, *Opuntia*, *Penstemon*, *Salvia* and *Quercus*.

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