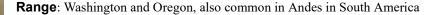


(Microsteris gracilis)



Climate, elevation: Low to Mid elevations

Local occurrence: Very common in eastern Washington on dry slops, and in

disturbed areas, including burned areas. Bloom Feb-May

Habitat preferences: Dry to moist slopes

Plant strategy type/successional stage: Often is the first plant to come up in disturbed areas. Seeds can bank for a long time in soil.

May be collected as: Collected as seeds in mid summer.

Seed germination: 2 weeks of cod stratification 35-40 F (Bartow, 2004)

Seed life: Seeds can remain viable for a few seasons.

Recommended seed storage conditions: Dry seeds to a few % moisture, and

store in cold dry environment.



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Soil or medium requirements: Non soil medium- peat based with plenty of aeration, to simulate natural preference (Bartow, 2004).

Installation form: Propagate and plant from cone containers, as they are less expensive and larger containers are not necessary.

Recommended planting density: There is not necessary planting density, however *gracilis* can spread rather quickly, and is often described as behaving like a weed.

Care requirements after installed: Water well when first planted. It will be fine after that, as it is a hearty plant.

Normal rate of growth or spread; lifespan: Spreads rapidly, is often described as weedy in disturbed areas. (

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