**Muhlenbergia schreberi** J.F. Gmelin  
*Nimblewill*  
(Agrostis apetala, Agrostis oligantha, Agrostis pauciflora, Anthipsimus gonopodus, Cynodon diffusus, Dilepyrum diffusum, Dilepyrum minutiflorum, Muhlenbergia botterii, Muhlenbergia diffusa, Muhlenbergia minutiflora, Muhlenbergia palustris, Muhlenbergia schreberi, Muhlenbergia tenuiflora var. pauciflora, Polygamon pauciflorus)

- This unique *Muhlenbergia*, also known as Drop-Seed Wiregrass, Nimble Will, Satin Grass, or Schreber's Muhly, differs from other ornamental members of its genus in being more of a perennial turf type of grass forming a modestly dense mass of carpet like leaves from stoloniferous stems; the alternate leaves are lanceolate and fine textured, in many ways resembling a short Bermudagrass (*Cynodon dactylon*) or Bentgrass (*Agrostis stolonifera*); in competition it can be more erect in habit and reach a height of 12” to 18”, but it can be grown as a short 4” to 8” tall warm season turfgrass substitute.

- small spike-like inflorescences are mostly a whitish green with a light red or purplish cast to the tips as the seeds develop; initially erect within the canopy, the small inflorescences quickly arch over and fade in with the low growing foliage; flower and fruiting effects are not ornamental on this species.

- *Muhlenbergia schreberi* is widely distributed from Southeast Canada throughout most of the Eastern and Central USA to parts of the Southwestern USA and Northern Mexico, hence provenance selections are likely important in adaptability; based on its native distribution *M. schreberi* should be useful in at least USDA hardness zones 4 to 10; work needs to be conducted on testing and selecting from this species as a potential native turfgrass for partial to lightly shady areas as that is where it is often found; even modestly shade tolerant turfgrasses are difficult to find; check for regulations in your state as this species is on California’s invasives list.

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