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# Kinney Germplasm False Rhodes Grass

(*Trichloris crinite*)



Kinney Germplasm false Rhodes grass is a native, warm-season perennial bunchgrass. It is also commonly known as two flower trichloris. It grows 1 to 2 feet tall, with leaves 3 to 8 inches long. Plants produce dense, feathery, 1 to 2 inch long seedheads that turn from green to light brown or blonde at maturity.

**Establishment/Management:** Planting can be scheduled for early spring, or where there are few cool-season weeds, it can be planted in the fall. Seedbed preparation should begin well in advance of planting. Establish a clean, weed-free seedbed by either tillage or herbicides. Prior to planting, the site should be firm and have accumulated soil moisture. Because of the fluffy nature of the seed, false Rhodes grass is best seeded using a grass drill equipped with picker wheels to evenly distribute the seed and prevent clogging of the planter tubes. Broadcast seeding may be used in areas not easily planted with a drill, but additional practices to encourage good seed to soil contact, such as cultipacking and harrowing, may be necessary after planting.

Seed should be planted 1/8 to 1/4 inch deep. It is better to plant too shallow than too deep. A seeding rate of 1 pound of pure live seed (PLS) per acre is recommended. This corresponds to planting 20 live seeds per square foot. When planting a mixture, the rate of false Rhodes grass should be reduced according to the total percentage desired in the mixture. It should not be grazed within the first year of planting.

**Adaptation/Uses:** False Rhodes grass grows best on sand to sandy loam soils. It will tolerate soils that are weakly saline.

False Rhodes grass should be used primarily as a component in seed mixtures for range restoration. It has potential for use in pasture plantings, filterstrips, erosion control plantings, and landscaping.



## Seed Quality Traits

*There are approximately 1,428,000 seeds per pound of False Rhodes grass. Its natural range of growth is in San Antonio, Texas, south into the western two-thirds of the Rio Grande Plain and westward to Arizona.*

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