Elliot's Love Grass  
Eragrostis elliottii

Hardiness: Zones 6-10  
Height: 3 feet tall, 3 feet wide  
Light: Full sun to light shade  
Flowers: June to August  
Flower Color: White  
Flower Characteristics: Semi-showy  
Growth Habit: Clump Forming  
Growth Rate: Fast  
Drought Tolerance: High; does not require any supplemental water once established.  
Soils: Moist to wet, well-drained or occasionally inundated freshwater or brackish soils.  
Nutritional Requirements: Low; it grows in nutrient poor soils.  
Salt Water Tolerance: Low; does not tolerate long-term flooding by salt or brackish water  
Salt Wind Tolerance: High; can tolerate moderate amounts of salt wind without injury.  
Hardy Perennial

Elliot's love grass is found among flatwoods, sandhills, and prairies from summer through fall. A warm season grass, it is native to the Southeastern US (Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina). It is a low, graceful, fine-textured grass with beautiful, silvery-blue leaves and masses of tiny, delicate flower spikes. It forms clumps of narrow powder-blue foliage that rises to about 18-24" tall (to 3' with ample irrigation). Clumps spread outward slowly with short rhizomes. The 3 foot tall flowers stalks rise in mid to late spring, opening into a buff colored haze of flowers that lasts into fall and winter. Plant in full sun to light shade in well drained soil. Good in dry, sandy soil but can tolerate a fair amount of irrigation. Thought to be hardy to -10° F. Good as a specimen plant or massed in a border planting with contrasting colored and textured foliage. It can be used in a natural lawn with only one mowing required in the spring - not tolerant of foot traffic. Attractive to birds and butterflies.