

'Loetta'

Arizona Cottontop (*Digitaria californica*)

*Native Grasses
for
Conservation*

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Arizona cottontop is a native, warm season perennial bunchgrass. It is found in oak woodlands, chaparral, and semidesert grasslands in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. It grows on a variety of soils from clay loam to sandy loam. The accession that became 'Loetta' was collected from the Santa Rita Experimental Range in southern Arizona. 'Loetta' Arizona cottontop was evaluated with 22 accessions at the Tucson Plant Materials Center for vigor, seed production, forage production, and ability to proliferate. It was developed for revegetation projects in southern Arizona, as it is relatively easy to establish.

Foundation seed of 'Loetta' for certified seed increase is available from the Tucson Plant Materials Center.

For more information on using 'Loetta' Arizona cottontop contact the Tucson Plant Materials Center or your local NRCS office.

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