



2019 ORNAMENTAL PERENNIAL GRASSES

***Calamagrostis Avalanche (Variegated Feather Reed Grass)** - Deep green leaves with a wide white stripe down the center. The variegation remains distinctively appealing throughout the growing season. This is the perfect plant to use as a screen or backdrop in your garden due to its distinctly upright and clumping habit. Plant in sun to part shade. Height: 3 feet.

***Calamagrostis Eldorado (Feather Reed Grass)** - Green leaves have a bright golden yellow midribs and golden flower stems. Upright, clumping habit. Feathery plumes appear in early summer and last all season long. Plant in full sun. Height: 4-5 feet.

Calamagrostis Karl Forester (Reed Grass) - 2001 Perennial Plant of the Year. Versatile, attractive and care-free ornamental grass. Deep-green, lustrous foliage in early spring, lasts all the way to winter. Upright clump with feathery plumes. Moist, well-draining soil. Plant in sun to part shade. Height: 3-4 feet.

Carex Banana Boat (Creeping Broad-leaved Sedge) - Outstanding accent plant for brightening up shade gardens, pathways or containers. Bright lemon or banana yellow, 1" wide leaves have narrow green margins and stripes. Slowly creeps to form a dense mass of bold textured foliage. Plant in part shade to full shade. Height: 6-12 inches.

Carex Snow Cap (Creeping Broad-leaved Sedge) - Outstanding accent plant for brightening up shade gardens, pathways or containers. Cream to bright white, wide, strappy leaves have narrow, green stripes. Slowly creeps to form a dense mass of bold textured foliage. Plant in part shade to full shade. Height: 6-8 inches.

Cortaderia Pumila (Dwarf Pampas Grass) - One of the most cold hardy varieties of pampas grass, this selection is shorter and more compact than the others. However, it bears the same showy, medium-sized plumes which are silvery-cream and feel silky to the touch. They are perfect for use in dried arrangements. Plant in full sun. Height: 4-5 feet.

Cortaderia Pink Pampas Grass - Huge, silky, sand-pink plumes reaching 2 feet long atop 6-7 feet stalks from early summer to mid-fall. Dramatic in large, dried arrangements. Use in flower beds and borders. Deer resistant. Plant in full sun. Height: 6-7 feet.

Erianthus ravennae (Hardy Pampas Grass) - One of the loveliest ornamental grasses, superb as accent, screen or architectural specimen. 2 ft. long, showy, silvery white silky plumes have gorgeous autumn coloring. Foliage has a clumping habit. Plant in full sun. Height: 9-12 feet.

Festuca Elijah Blue (Blue Fescue Grass) - Probably the most well-known ornamental fescue. Silvery-blue foliage forms a small, dense mound with flower spikes reaching a foot above the foliage. Prefers loose, well-draining soil. Plant in sun to part shade. Height: 6-10 inches.

Hakonechloa All Gold (Japanese Forest Grass) - A brilliant grass that absolutely glows in the shade! A graceful, colorful groundcover for shady areas. Slender stems hold bright golden-yellow foliage having the effect of a tiny bamboo. Great in containers or color accent in borders. It tends to be more chartreuse in heavier shade, and brighter gold in more sun. Plant in part shade to shade. Height: 14-20 inches.

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Koeleria Blue Sprite (Blue Hair Grass) – Compact blue-green, wheat plumes in midsummer, drought tolerant, for mixed container or bed edging. Blue Hair grass is an ideal border plant, non-invasive and attractive as an accent or along an edge. Plant in full sun. Height: 8 inches.

Miscanthus Dixieland – Bright green and white leaves with a compact growth habit. Showy, silky plumes in late summer. Stays nice and compact. Deer resistant. Height: 4-5 feet.

Miscanthus Encore - The showy ornamental grass blooms early in the season, producing masses of feathery, coppery, purple plumes from light to creamy tan. Blooms a second time before frost. Forms a tall, upright clump of dark green leaves with white midribs. Plant in full sun to part shade. Height: 6-6½ feet.

Miscanthus Flame Grass – From early to midseason, the leaves are a pleasant grey-green. In late summer and fall, they take on brilliant orange and red tones. The seed heads begin to appear in late summer with magenta hues. As winter approaches, they transform into silky white panicles which are especially lovely when backlit by the early morning or late afternoon sun. Plant in full to part sun. Height: 4-6 feet.

Miscanthus Gold Breeze - Zebra Grass or Gold Breeze lives up to its name. Its unique texture sets this grass apart from others. Its golden yellow horizontal stripes on green grass blades enhance its feathery gold plumes in late summer. Gold Breeze does best planted in full sun and well-drained soil. It is deer resistant and drought tolerant once established. Height 5-7 feet, 5 feet wide.

Miscanthus Little Kitten (Dwarf Maiden Grass) - Narrow leaves are soft and slightly pendulous producing a lush foliage clump, turning gold in fall. Blonde flower spikes just inches above the plant remain through the winter. Plant in full sun. Height 1-3 feet.

Miscanthus Little Zebra (Dwarf Maiden Grass) - Ease of maintenance and a reliable flowering performance makes this a very popular ornamental grass. Green leaves with gold horizontal banding form a dense clump topped with reddish purple plumes that age to creamy tan in winter. Plant in full sun to part shade. Height: 3-4 feet.

Miscanthus Morning Light (Maiden Grass) - Green blades have highlights of creamy-white margins and midveins creating a shimmering silvery appearance. Reddish-bronze fall plumes dry to creamy white. Plant in full to part sun. Height: 4-5 feet.

Miscanthus Oktoberfest (Porcupine Grass) – The wide, deep green leaves with a white midrib form a narrowly upright tower about 4 ½' tall before blooming. In late summer or early fall, the foliage develops deep purple and red highlights which complement the showy flowers that emerge a rich shade of shimmering burgundy and copper, then mature into fluffy, creamy tan seed heads. Deer resistant. Height: 6-7 feet.


Miscanthus Strictus – An upright, stiff grass whose leaves stretch skyward like porcupine spines, thus the name. Distinctive yellowish-white, horizontal banding on the green leaves of this cultivar seem to glow when backlit by the early morning or late afternoon sun. Spectacular pinkish copper plumes that appear in early fall. As the seeds mature, they become fluffy, and are a great accent to the reddish-tan winter foliage. Height: 4-6 feet.

Muhlenbergia (Muhly Grass) - Clump forming grass. Vivid, airy, pink panicles in the fall. Long-blooming and drought tolerant. Birds love the seeds. Ideal for mass plantings. Plant in full sun 2-3 feet apart. Grows: 30-36 inches high


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Ophiopogon nigrescens (Black Mondo Grass) - Stunning contrast for the front of the border! Dense, purplish-black, grass like foliage is exceptional. Short spikes of pale pink flowers followed by purple berries in the fall. Plant in full sun to partial sun. Height: 4-6 inches.

Panicum Heavy Metal (Blue Switch Grass) – This tall switch grass forms a stiff, rigidly upright clump of blue leaves that turn bright yellow in fall. Delicate pink panicles dance above the foliage beginning in late summer. Perfect size for the back of the border. Plant in full sun. Height: 5-6 feet.

Panicum Prairie Winds Apache Rose  **(Blue Switch Grass)** - A sturdy, durable ornamental grass that withstands adverse weather conditions. Grey-green leaves form a strictly upright, dense clump. Rose colored panicles and leaf tips in fall. Plant in full sun. Height: 4 feet.

Pennisetum Burgundy Bunny (Miniature Fountain Grass) - Clumps of fine leaves are predominantly green with red accents in summer, topped with creamy white bunny-tail flowers. Red foliage percentage increases until the entire plant is ablaze in autumn. Full sun to shade. Height: 18 inches.

Pennisetum Desert Plains  **(Fountain Grass)** - This large fountain grass makes a beautiful focal point in the fall garden. Large, tan, bottlebrush flowers are produced atop the upright vase-shaped clump of green foliage. Red, orange and yellow fall color. A Proven Winner selection. Plant in full sun. Height: 3-4 feet.

Pennisetum Hameln (Dwarf Fountain Grass) - This popular deer resistant ornamental grass forms a compact clump of finely textured, green leaves topped with narrow, arching, greenish cream panicles beginning in midsummer. An excellent choice for mass plantings. Plant in full sun. Height: 2-3 feet.

Pennisetum Little Bunny (Miniature Fountain Grass) - Foxtail flowers are only about 2 inches long, and the foliage forms a neat little mound. Excellent for mass plantings when garden scale is on the smaller size. Also useful in rock gardens and pond-side plantings. Prefers well-draining soil. Full sun to part shade. Height: 10-12 inches.

Pennisetum Puppy Love (Fountain Grass) – Puppy Love's graceful, arching habit has medium to dark green foliage with burgundy accents. The darker red inflorescences begin to show color in late summer and continues until frost. Height: 30-36 inches.

Schizachyrium Blue Paradise (Little Bluestem) - Very upright and columnar, and maintains its upright habit through fall. At 3½ feet tall, this grass will be the perfect backdrop to your garden. True to its name, 'Blue Paradise' has striking silvery blue stems in summer. In the fall, this grass takes center stage as the leaves develop a deep wine purple color. In early fall, tiny tan seed heads appear on the top half of the stems. Height: 3-3½ feet.