



2021 ORNAMENTAL PERENNIAL GRASSES

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.

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: 6-8 feet.

Cortaderia White Pampas Grass – Upright arching form of lush green grass-like leaves. In late summer thru fall, it is topped with large, fluffy silver-white plumes. Good for fresh or dried arrangements. Plant in full sun. Height: 6-8 feet.

Elymus Magellanicus Agropyron (Blue Clumping Wheatgrass)– Slow-growing, well-behaved clump of beautiful metallic-blue leaves, bearing taller stems of smaller blue flowers in early summer. An excellent edging plant. Height: 20-24 inches.

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.


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


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 Alopecuroides (Black Fountain Grass) Lush clumps of the fine, deep green foliage that changes its color to golden yellow in fall and to beige in late fall. The fuzzy, smoky, purple-black flower spikes emerge in late summer and persist until late fall. Height: 3 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 orientale (Oriental Fountain Grass) – Multitude of 3-4", decorative, curved flower heads are nearly white with a hint of pink. Blooms June - September. Suitable for cutting. Height: 1-2 feet.

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 Smoke Signal (Little Bluestem) – This selection has a beautifully refined habit and a strong show of color in late summer and fall. The glaucous blue-green foliage begins to take on scarlet red tones in late summer, turning a deeper red-purple through the fall. Tiny, tan seed heads appear in early fall on the top half of the stems. Schizachyrium is a great choice if you are looking to restore an eroded site, or for a plant that will grow in hot, dry areas where other plants have a hard time surviving. Height: 3-4 feet.