

# Ornamental Grasses

Ornamental grasses offer a great diversity of form, texture, color, height and growing preferences. They can be used as a specimen piece or in groupings. Most of these grasses prefer a sunny locations, but there are some that do best with shady areas. Most ornamental grasses are pest-free and other than a yearly pruning in mid-March, require very little maintenance.

## Ornamental Grasses can...

- enhance the formality of a public garden
- add depth to natural settings
- provide areas for wildlife to hide and nest
- create a screen for hiding unsightly areas or for privacy
- act as groundcover and erosion control
- give accent and height to annual containers

**FAQ:** Do I need to cut my grass back before winter?

**A:** Grasses do not need to be cut down before winter. In fact they are attractive when left standing and the foliage helps to insulate the crown. Cut back the foliage to about 4-6" in the spring before growth resumes.

## Perennial Grasses

| BOTANICAL NAME                      | COMMON NAME                    | HEIGHT | SPACING | COLOR OF FOLIAGE | FALL FOLIAGE COLOR         | FALL PLUME COLOR |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Calamagrostis ‘Avalanche’           | Variiegated Feather Reed Grass | 4-5'   | 3'      | Green/white      | Green/white                | Tan              |
| Calamagrostis ‘Karl Foerster’       | Feather Reed Grass             | 3-5'   | 3'      | Green            | Yellow                     | Tan              |
| Calamagrostis ‘Overdam’             | Overdam Feather Reed Grass     | 3'     | 3-4'    | Green/white      | Yellow                     | Beige            |
| Calamagrostis brachytricha          | Korean Feather Reed Grass      | 2-3'   | 3'      | Green            | Bright yellow              | Greenish pink    |
| Carex pensylvanica                  | Oak Sedge                      | 8"     | 12"     | Green            | Green                      |                  |
| Carex elata ‘Aurea’                 | Bowles Golden Sedge            | 2-3'   | 2'      | Yellow/green     |                            |                  |
| Carex morrowii ‘Ice Dance’          | Variiegated Jap Sedge          | 12"    | 18"     | Green/white      | Green/white                |                  |
| Eragrostis spectabilis              | Purple Love Grass              | 1-2'   | 18-24"  | Creamy green     | Reddish                    | Pink             |
| Festuca glauca ‘Elijah Blue’        | Blue Fescue                    | 6-10"  | 12"     | Silver-blue      | Blue-gray                  | Tan              |
| Hakonechloa macro ‘Aureola’         | Hakone Grass                   | 12-15" | 2'      | Green-gold       | Green-gold splashed w/ red | Red              |
| Helictotrichon sem. ‘Saphirsprudal’ | Sapphire Blue Oat Grass        | 2'     | 18-24"  | Silvery-blue     | Blue                       | Beige            |
| Miscanthus ‘Purpurascens’           | Flame Grass                    | 4-5'   | 3'      | Green            | Orange-red                 | White            |
| Miscanthus sin. ‘Gracillimus’       | Maiden Grass                   | 5-7'   | 4'      | Green            | Yellow                     | Copper           |

Spring is coming! Gardening made easy with curbside pick up or no contact delivery!

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| Miscanthus sin. 'Morning Light'        | Maiden Grass                | 5-6'   | 3-4'    | Green/white midrib    | Silvery green           | Reddish bronze   |
| Miscanthus sin. 'Strictus'             | Porcupine Grass             | 6-9'   | 4'      | Green/Yellow striping | Straw                   | Reddish          |
| Miscanthus sin. 'Variegatus'           | Variegated Silver Grass     | 5-7'   | 4-5'    | Green/White           | Almond Tan              | White            |
| Panicum virgatum                       | Switch Grass                | 3-6'   | 3'      | Blue-green            | Orange-bronze           | Red/purple       |
| Panicum vir. 'Heavy Metal'             | Switch Grass                | 4-5'   | 3'      | Metalic Blue          | Bright yellow           | Pink             |
| Panicum vir. 'Northwind'               | Switch Grass                | 4-5'   | 3'      | Blue-gray             | Bright yellow           | Red/pink         |
| Panicum vir. 'Shenandoah'              | Switch Grass                | 3-4'   | 2-3'    | Green to red streaked | Red                     | Red              |
| Pennisetum alop. 'Little Bunny'        | Little Bunny Fountain Grass | 18"    | 18-24"  | Green                 | Beige                   | Tan              |
| Sesleria autumnalis                    | Autumn Moor Grass           | 16-18" | 2'      | Yellow Green          | Yellow                  | Purplish-black   |
| Schizachyrium scoparium<br>'The Blues' | Little Blue Stem            | 2-3'   | 2'      | Bluish-gray           | Reddish copper          | Silvery Beige    |
| Sporobolus heterolepis                 | Prairie Dropseed            | 2-4'   | 2-3'    | Green                 | Yellow with Orange hues | Beige            |