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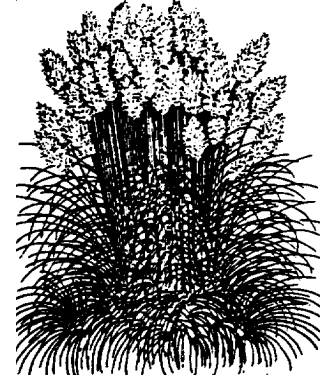
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Ornamental Grasses

Ornamental grasses are some of the more popular center pieces and back drops for flower gardens. Ornamental grasses are usually very drought resistant and provide a distinctive beauty to the garden. Perennial grasses will remain attractive throughout the winter months if they are left uncut and natural. Many grasses will attract birds (or other animals) during the winter and provide food or shelter. As more and more grasses become available you may decide one variety may just fit the needs of your flower garden. As with all types of perennials, don't just plant your grass and let it grow. Ornamental grasses may become invasive and take over your garden. Be sure to divide and replant your ornamental grasses as often as needed.



acorus gramineus 'Varietatus' - Variegated Sweet Flag

This slow growing grass will tolerate wet soils, making it a great marginal pond plant. It has green and creamy white variegated leaves. Likes sun but partial shade during hot summer weather. It grows 6" to 12" tall.

alopecurus pratensis 'Aureus' - Yellow Foxtail Grass (zone 4)

This slow growing grass will tolerate moist, but not soggy soils. It grows 6" to 12" tall. It has bright yellow-green striped leaves. It has insignificant flower spikes late spring. Likes full sun but may burn in summer heat.

arrhenatherum elatius bulbosum 'Variegatum' - Bulbous Oat Grass (zone 4-5)

This slow growing perennial grass needs moist conditions and grows best during the cool part of the year. Plant this grass in a shady area. It grows 1' tall and has white blades with blue-green stripes. It is very colorful wherever it is planted. Oat-like flower spike May - July.

arundo donax - African Reed Grass (zone 5)

This fast growing grass tolerates most soil conditions, heat, and drought. Use this grass as a background. It grows 8' to 18' tall stalks and has greyish-green leaves. Stalks look like bamboo and can be used in construction. Fluffy 18" to 24" blossoms emerge in September, last into winter. Invasive root system.

briza media - Quaking Grass, Rattlesnake Grass (zone 5)

This medium growing grass likes fertile soil. Its green leaves grow 12" to 18" tall. Heart shaped flower spikes rise 24" to 30" tall in April. Flowers persist into summer. Tolerates hot weather but needs regular moisture. Plumes good for flower arrangements.

calamagrostis arundinacea 'Karl Foerster' - Foerster's Feather Reed Grass (zone 4)

This medium growing grass likes moist, rich soil. It has green leaves and reddish flower spikes. It grows 4' to 5' tall. Flower spikes rise 3' to 4' above leaves in June. Plant in full sun. Good in flower arrangements.

calamagrostis arundinacea 'Overdam' - Feather Reed Grass (zone 4)

This slow growing grass likes moist, rich soil. It has green leaves with a white stripe. It grows 2' to 4' tall. Similar to Foerster's Reed Grass but doesn't grow as tall. It has pinkish plumes on 3' stems.

carex albula - Frosty Curly Sedge (zone 4-5)

This grass produces 2' long narrow, silvery-green leaves. The blades curl back toward the base as the leaves die. Plant in filtered sun. Very colorful leaves all summer and sometimes remain during winter.

carex buchananii - Fox Red Curly Sedge (zone 5)

This is a very colorful grass. It grows 2' high. The leaves are erect, narrow, and have a reddish brown cast. The leaf blade tips curl with age. This grass has buff colored flower spikes midsummer. It is a good rock garden grass and tolerates drought well. Likes sun.

carex conica 'Hime Kansugi' - Dwarf Sedge (zone 5)

This grass grows 4" - 6" tall. It has dark green blades with a white variegated edge. This grass is very containable and gives a small clump of grass to your garden. It grows best in partial shade.

carex glauca - Blue Sedge (zone 5)

Blue sedge only grows 6" to 12" tall and makes a

good groundcover. The silvery-blue leaves are colorful all year. Plant in filtered sun and give this grass plenty of water. Plant in big groups for best effect.

***Carex morrowii* 'Aurea-variegata' - Variegated Sedge Grass - (zone 5)**

This grass grows 1' - 2' tall. It spreads well. Divide as often as needed. The flat, stiff leaves have a creamy-white center with dark green edges. It is great for pots, borders and as a groundcover. It prefers partial shade.

***Chasmanthium latifolium* - Northern Sea Oats (zone 5)**

This medium growing grass tolerates moist, rich soil. It grows 2' to 3' tall. It has green leaves and produces seed pods that look like cereal oats. A good addition to dried flower arrangements.

***Cortaderia selloana* - Pampas Grass (zone 7)**

This is a very popular, tall growing grass. It grows 6' tall and produces long white feathery plumes early in the fall. Likes full sun. The plumes are good for dried flower arrangements. This grass needs some winter protection especially the first winter. Cover with mulch late fall, after the ground has frozen.

***Deschampsia flexuosa* - Crinkled Hairgrass (zone 5)**

This slow growing grass likes moist, acidic soil. It has narrow, wiry, green leaves. It grows 1' to 2' tall. Purple tinged flower spikes emerge in July. Likes partial shade.

***Deschampsia flexuosa* 'Aurea' - Golden Hairgrass (zone 5)**

This slow growing grass needs moist, acid soil. It has golden yellow leaves and grow about 10" tall. Likes partial shade. Golden flower spikes rise 12" above leaves in July and last until winter.

***Elymus arenarius* 'Glaucus' - Blue Lyme Grass (zone 4)**

This medium growing grass will tolerate poor and salty soil. It grows 18" to 24" tall and spreads well. It has steel-blue leaves and will help stabilize hillsides. It produces tan flower spikes in the fall.

***Equisetum hyemale* - Horsetail (zone 4)**

This perennial grass has jointed, round, hollow stems. It grows 4' tall and will grow almost anywhere. This grass needs to be contained because of its invasive nature. It grows wild along stream banks and it is a hard weed to control. Many water gardens benefit from the appearance of this grass.

***Equisetum scirpoides* - Dwarf Horsetail (zone 5)**

This dwarf horsetail only grows 6" - 8" tall. It has the narrow, round, hollow stems, just like the tall growing horsetail. This grass can also be invasive, but it is not as hard to contain as the common horsetail.

***Erianthus ravennae* - Hardy Pampas Grass (zone 5)**

This grass is more hardy than the common pampas grass and it has more colorful plumes. The fall plumes range from brownish-white to orange. It grows 4' - 6' tall with 6' to 10' plumes. This grass has narrower leaves and a more rigid plume than the common pampas grass.

***Festuca ovina* "Elijah Blue" - Elijah Blue Fescue (zone 5)**

This slow growing grass likes hot, dry areas in full sun. It has steel-blue leaves and grows 8" to 12" tall. This variety of blue fescue holds its blue color all year. This grass is drought tolerant.

***Festuca ovina* "Glauca" - Blue Fescue (zone 4)**

This slow growing grass has icy blue leaves and grows 10" tall. It likes the hot weather and tolerates drought well. This grass is a good border plant. It has a brownish-white flower spike mid summer. Trim when blossoms fade.

***Festuca scoparia* - Bearskin Fescue (zone 4)**

This slow growing grass prefers well drained, rocky soil. It prefers full sun but will tolerate partial shade. This grass is hard to grow because it will not tolerate too much water. The leaves are sharp, prickly, and needlelike. The leaves grow 4" to 6" tall. The flowers emerge as fine green spike and mature to pale gold. Good bonsai specimen.

***Glyceria maxima* 'Variegata' - Variegated Manna Grass (zone 6)**

This medium growing grass likes moist to wet soil. It will tolerate shallow water, making it an excellent pond plant. It has creamy-yellow and green striped leaves. It grows 2' to 3' tall and spreads well.

***Hakonechloa macra* 'Aureola' - Japanese Forest Grass (zone 4)**

This slow growing grass likes cool, moist soil. Leaves burn in sun but loses color in shade. It grows 8" to 12" tall. It has yellow leaves with green streaks. Leaves turn pinkish red in fall.

***Helictotrichon sempervirens* - Blue Oat Grass (zone 5)**

This silvery-blue grass grows 1' - 2' tall and grows in a rounded mound. It produces pale blue flowers that rise 1' to 2' above the leaves and fade to a straw color with age. This grass needs full sun with good drainage.

***Holcus mollis* 'Albo-variegatus' - Variegated Velvet Grass (zone 5)**

This slow growing grass likes well drained-soil and partial shade. It has green and white variegated leaves. This grass grows 6" to 12" tall and spreads well. It likes full sun to part shade.

***imperata cylindrica 'rubra'* - Japanese Blood Grass (zone 5)**

This is a slow to medium growing reddish grass. It spreads fairly quickly in the garden. It grows 18" to 24" tall. This grass likes full sun but will tolerate some shade. It is most colorful in sun and may turn green in the shade. This grass is often mistaken as 'Fountain Grass' but does not produce the red plumes.

***koeleria glauca* - Blue Meadow Grass, Blue Hairgrass (zone 5)**

This slow growing grass likes well drained, slightly alkaline soils. It has blue-gray leaves and grows 6" to 12" tall. Blue-green flower spikes emerge in June and grow 12" above leaves. Flowers often used in flower arrangements. Drought tolerant.

***luzula sylvatica* - Greater Woodrush (zone 5)**

This clumping grass grows 8" to 12" tall and slowly spreads into a mat-like grass. It produces yellow-green flowers in May that rise 12" above leaves. This grass likes shade and tolerates moist soil. Good companion plant for ferns.

***melica ciliolata* - Pearl Grass (zone 5)**

This medium growing grass has gray-green leaves and grows 10" to 12" tall. It produces very showy, fluffy flower spikes in June that grow 12" to 18" above the leaves. Flowers fade by July. This grass likes sun or light shade.

***miscanthus sinensis 'Condensatus'* - Purple Blooming Japanese Silver Grass (zone 5)**

This medium growing grass likes average soil. It grows 6' to 8' tall. It has green leaves. It produces beige flower spikes in August. Leaves turn reddish-purple in fall.

***miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus'* - Maiden Grass (zone 5)**

This is a clump forming grass. It grows 5' - 6' tall. It has a silvery-green foliage which turns golden-bronze in the winter. The fan-shaped silvery-white plumes appear in the fall and stand above the tall grass spikes: very showy during winter months. Like full sun and tolerates drought conditions.

***miscanthus sinensis 'Morning Light'* - Morning Light Japanese Silver Grass (zone 5)**

This medium growing grass likes average to moist soils. It grows 4' to 5' tall. It has green leaves with white margins. It produces flower spikes in October that grow 5' to 6' tall. The flowers emerge reddish and mature to a fluffy cream color.

***miscanthus sinensis 'Purpurascens'* - Flame Grass, Purple Silver Grass (zone 5)**

This medium growing grass likes average to moist

soils. It grows 3' to 4' tall. It has green leaves that turn orange-red in the fall. It produces silvery flower plumes in July that grow 4' to 5' tall. This grass likes full sun.

***miscanthus sinensis 'Stricta'* - Porcupine Grass (zone 5)**

This medium growing grass likes average to moist soil. It will tolerate boggy soil, making it a good pond plant. It has green leaves with bright yellow horizontal bands. It grows 4' to 6' tall and has stiff, upright leaves resembling porcupine quills. It produces copper color flower spikes in September that grow 5' to 7' tall.

***miscanthus sinensis 'Variegatus'* - Variegated Japanese Silver Grass (zone 5)**

This grass grows 5' to 7' tall. The blades are 1" wide with a creamy-white stripe. It produces silvery-white plumes in the fall that rises a foot above the leaves. It is very striking during the winter months. Plant in full sun.

***miscanthus sinensis 'Yakushima'* - Dwarf Maiden Grass (zone 6)**

This is a dwarf version of the common maiden grass. It only grows 3'-4' tall. The dark green leaves have a showy fall coloration. It blooms well even when the plant is young. It produces reddish pink flower spikes in September that mature into tan spikes during the winter.

***miscanthus sinensis 'Zebrinus'* - Zebra Grass (zone 5)**

This is a vigorous perennial grass that grows 6' - 8' tall. It can grow in 6' diameter clumps unless divided often. The tall leaves have pale yellow horizontal bands that appear early summer. The silvery-white plumes in September can reach 2' above the leaves. The foliage remains attractive throughout the winter.

***molina arundinacea 'Skyracer'* - Skyracer Moor Grass (zone 4)**

This slow to medium growing grass likes average soil. It has green leaves and grows 2' to 4' tall. It produces flower spikes in July that grow 6' to 7' tall. The leaves turn bright yellow in fall maturing to golden brown.

***molina caerulea 'Variegata'* - Purple Moor Grass (zone 5)**

This slow growing grass likes moist, fertile, slightly acidic soil. It grows 8" to 12" tall. It has green leaves with creamy-yellow variegation. The purplish flower spikes appear in June and rise 1' above the foliage. Likes full sun to partial shade.

***ophiopogon planiscapus 'Nigrescens'* - Black Mono Grass (zone 5)**

This slow growing grass likes soil with plenty of organic matter. It has near-black leaves. It grows 6" to 8" tall. It produces white to lilac colored flower spikes in July.

***panicum virgatum 'Haense Hens'* - Red Switch Grass (zone 4)**

This medium growing grass likes moist fertile soil. It grows 3' to 4' tall with 5' flower spikes. It has green leaves with purplish-red tips which become redder as seasons progress. The leaves turn reddish orange in fall.

***panicum virgatum 'Rebraun'* - Deer Red-Brown Switch Grass (zone 4)**

This slow growing grass likes moist, fertile soil. It has green leaves tinged with red. The leaves turn yellow and red in the fall. It grows 2' to 4' tall. It produces small reddish flowers in the summer. Like full sun.

***pennisetum alopecuroides 'Hameln'* - Dwarf Fountain Grass (zone 5)**

This slow growing grass likes well drained soil. It has green leaves with white flower plumes in the fall. It grows 18" to 24" tall with flower spikes 2' to 3' tall. Flowers often used in dried flower arrangements. Likes full sun.

***pennisetum alopecuroides 'Moudry'* - Black Flowering Fountain Grass (zone 5)**

This medium growing grass likes moist, fertile soil. It has green leaves and produces near-black flower heads in August. This grass grows 18" to 24" tall. The flower spikes rise 12" above the foliage. Like full sun.

***pennisetum setaceum 'Rubrum'* - Red Fountain Grass (zone 8)**

This grass is a perennial grass in warmer climates but is considered an annual grass in Utah. The tall reddish leaves grow 3' - 4' tall. It produces a reddish-brown plume early summer. These plumes remain attractive throughout the fall. This grass likes hot, sunny areas and will tolerate some drought conditions. Does not produce viable seed.

***phalaris arundinacea* - Ribbon Grass (zone 3)**

This tough perennial grass grows almost anywhere, sun or shade, hot or cold. Its leaves are green with white stripes and grows 2' to 3' tall. The leaves turn tan in the winter. It produces white flowers that grows 6" to 12" above the leaves. The flowers fade to brown during winter. Roots are invasive. Good groundcover and soil stabilizer.

***phyllostachys aureosulcata* - Yellow Groove Bamboo (zone 5)**

This is a true bamboo. It likes moist to average soil. It grows 10' to 15' tall. It has green leaves. It is hardy to -15 degrees. The young shoots are edible. Likes full sun or partial shade.

***sasaella masamuniana 'Albostrata'* - White Striped Dwarf Bamboo (zone 5)**

This bamboo likes average to moist soil. It has

green leaves with white variegation. It grows 3' tall and spreads well. Like full sun to partial shade.

***sesleria autumnalis* - Autumn Moor Grass (zone 5)**

This slow growing grass likes average soil. It has yellow-green leaves. It grows 15" to 18" tall. It produces small purplish flowers covered with white stamens. The flowers emerge in the fall and fade to brown during the winter.

***sesleria caerulea* - Blue Moor Grass (zone 5)**

This slow growing grass likes moist soil and will tolerate shade well. It has blue leaves with white undersides. The leaves curl and twist as they grow, exposing both sides of the leaf. It grows 6" to 8" tall. This grass produces small purplish flowers in May which mature to golden brown. The flowers rise 6" to 8" above the leaves.

***stipa capillata* - Feather Grass (zone 4)**

This medium growing grass likes fertile well-drained soil. It has gray-green foliage. It grows 1' to 2' tall with 4' tall silky flower spikes. The silvery flowers appear in July and August. Very showy in most gardens. Likes full sun. Good for flower arrangements.

***stipa gigantea* - Giant Feather Grass (zone 5)**

This medium growing grass likes well drained but fertile soil. It grows 18" to 24" tall with 4' to 6' tall flower plumes. It has gray-green foliage. The silvery flowers emerge in May and June. Likes full sun.

***typha minima* - Miniature Cattail (zone 5)**

This grass grows in wet locations, great for a water garden. Plant next to a pond or place container in pond. It has very narrow leaves and grows about 18" tall. This grass produces miniature cattails late-summer. The cattails are about 1" long and stand 6" above the grass. This plant needs some winter protection.

***yucca filimentosa* - Yucca Plant, Adams Needle (zone 4)**

Although this is not a true grass it does fit into the grasslike family. Yucca plants grow best in hot dry areas. Yucca plants love poor soil conditions. They grow 3' tall and have a 4' - 5' white flower spike in the center of the plant midsummer. Yucca plants do not bloom every year.

***yucca filamentosa 'Golden Sword'* Golden Sword Yucca**

Just like the green yucca, the golden yucca prefers hot, dry areas. The 3' - 4' tall leaves have a yellow center with green edges. This yucca plant produces a 4' white flower spike midsummer (it may not bloom every year).

***yucca baccata* - Daytil Yucca (zone 4)**

This yucca has stiff, curved leaves. The tips of this yucca are very sharp and may cause injury to those who come in contact with it. The unusual shape of this yucca makes it a great addition to the desert garden in your yard.