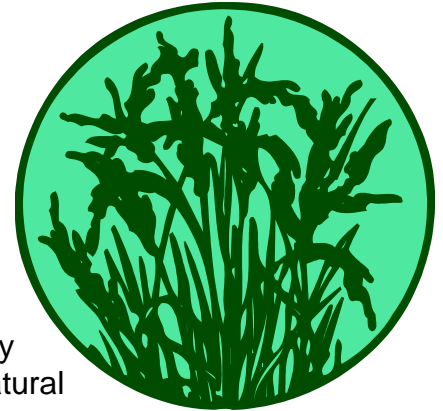


**ORNAMENTAL
GRASSES &
SEDGES**

One of the largest, and perhaps most important, plant families in the world is the grass family. Grasses have provided food, shelter, and forage throughout history. We have added grasses to the landscape to create a naturalized effect and for their ornamental value. They offer a wide range of textures, shapes and color. They can be small groundcovers or tall specimens. Grasses are versatile, low maintenance perennials. Some varieties grow in dry infertile soil and some in the muddy shallows of a pond. They can be used in a formal setting or to create a natural sanctuary for birds.



Grasses grow or spread by above ground stems called stolons, underground stems called rhizomes, or divisions called tillers. The length of these stems determines the plants' habit. Long rhizomes or stolons are called running, creeping, or spreading grasses. They can be used to prevent erosion, as a groundcover, or to naturalize a large area. Some grasses have a clumping appearance and are called bunch grasses. They grow and mature where they were planted. Bunch grasses do not travel, but they do grow larger with maturity and need ample space.

Grasses can be planted in average garden soil. Loosen the root system gently by hand prior to planting. The root ball may need to be scored (cut) with a knife. Starting at the top of the root ball, make a cut about 1-1 ½ inches deep and cut to the base of the root ball. Make the cuts in equal distance around the root ball. This will encourage the roots to grow out into the soil. Place so the crown of the plant is even with, or slightly higher than, ground level. Avoid planting the crown low. Water newly planted grasses thoroughly. Put down 2-3' of mulch to promote moisture retention, prevent weeds, and provide winter protection.

Warm season grasses emerge from their winter dormancy in late spring. They can be fertilized at this time with Osmocote® or Plant-tone® to promote growth. They quickly reach their mature height, and by mid-summer are at their full glory. Their blooms (inflorescence) emerge in late summer to early fall, and persist into winter. Warm-season grasses are easy to maintain. Remove the old foliage in March, so the new foliage can emerge unchallenged. Cut the plant back to 3-10" above the ground, depending on the variety and maturity of the grass. Cut back with pruners, string trimmers or hedge trimmers. Leave the foliage over winter to provide interest in the landscape, a refuge for birds, and added protection for the crown of the plant.

Cool season grasses begin growth in the fall and flower into the spring. They are much smaller than their warmth loving cousins and grow best when temperatures are between 60° and 75° F. Cool season grasses can be fertilized in the fall for more vigorous growth. Shear them lightly in the spring to remove spent flower heads. Do not remove more than one-third of the foliage as they resent heavy shearing.

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	EXPOSURE	BLOOM	HT
Acorus g. 'Oborozoki'	Variegated Sweet Flag	F/S	None	12"
Acorus gramineus 'Minimus Aureus'	Dwarf Sweet Flag	F/SH	Spring	3"
Acorus gramineus 'Ogon'	Golden Japanese Sweet Flag	S	L/Spring	10"
Acorus gramineus 'Pusillus'	Sweet Flag	SH	Spring	12"
Acorus gramineus 'Variegatus'	Sweet Flag	S	Summer	12"
Acorus gramineus 'Wogon'	Sweet Flag	am/S	Summer	12"
Alopecurus pratensis	Variegated Foxtail	S	Summer	15"
Alopecurus pratensis 'Aureo-Variegata'	Field Meadow-Foxtail	S	Spring-Fall	15"
Andropogon gerardii gramineus minimus aureus	Big Blue Stem	S	Aug-Sep	4-8'
Andropogon virginicus	Broom Sedge Beard Grass	S	Sep	3-4'
Arrhenatherum elatius b. 'Variegatum'	Bulbous Oat Grass	S/PSH	Summer	1-2'
Arundo donax	Giant Reed Grass	S/PS	Aug-Sep	7-10'
Arundo donax 'Variegata'	Striped Giant Reed Grass	S	Aug-Sep	10-15'
Arundo donax 'Versicolor'	Giant Reed Grass	S/PS	Aug-Sep	7-10'
Briza media	Common Quaking Grass	S/PS	Spring	2-3'
Bromus inermis 'Skinner's Gold'	Skinner's Gold Brome	S	M/Summer	24-30"
Calamagrostis acutiflora 'El Dorado'	Feather Reed Grass	S/PS	E/Summer	4-5'
Calamagrostis acutiflora 'Stricta'	Stiff Feather Reed Grass	SH	M/Summer-Fall	5-7'
Calamagrostis acutifolia	Stiff Feather Reed Grass	S/PS	M/Summer-Fall	4-5'
Calamagrostis acutifolia 'Avalanche'	Feather Reed Grass	S/PS	M/Summer	4'
Calamagrostis acutifolia 'Karl Foerster'	Feather Reed Grass	S/PS	Jun-Sep	4-5'
Calamagrostis acutifolia 'Overdam'	Variegated Feather Reed Grass	S/PS	Jun	24"
Calamagrostis brachytricha	Feather Reed Grass	S/PS	Sep-Nov	18-30"
CAREX	SEDGE			
Carex 'Bowles Golden'	Golden Variegated Sedge	SH/am S	May-Jun	2-3'
Carex amphibola	Sedge	SH/am S	Mar-Apr	8-12"
Carex buchananii	Leather Leaf Sedge	SH/am S	N/A	2-3'
Carex comans	New Zealand Hair Sedge	S (4 hrs)	May	12"
Carex comans 'Amazon Mist'	Sedge Grass	SH/am S	Jun-Dec	12-15"
Carex comans 'Bronze'	Bronze New Zealand Hair	S (4 hrs)	Jun-Aug	12-24"
Carex comans 'Frosted Curls'	Frosted Curls Sedge	S/PS	Spring	8-12"
Carex conica 'Marginata'	Miniature Variegated Sedge	S/PS	E/Summer	6"
Carex conica 'Snowline'	Miniature Variegated Sedge	F/SH	E/Summer	8-10"
Carex dolichostachya 'Kaga Nishiki'	Sedge	F/SH	E/Summer	12-24"
Carex elata 'Aurea'	Sedge	P-F/SH	May-Jun	18-24"
Carex flacca 'Blue Zinger'	Glaucous Sedge	P/SH	Jun-Jul	8-10"
Carex flagellifera	Weeping Brown New Zealand	S-SH	E/Spring	18"
Carex flagellifera 'Toffee Twist'	Blue Sedge	SH/am S	E/Spring	10-16"

Carex laxiculmis 'Hobb'	Hobb Sedge	F/SH	E/Spring	12"
Carex morowii 'Evergold'	Evergold Japanese Sedge	F/SH	E/Spring	12"-15"
Carex morowii 'Gold Band'	Golden Variegated Sedge	P/SH	May-Jun	12"
Carex morowii 'Ice Dance'	Variegated Japanese Sedge	F/SH	May-Jun	12"
Carex morowii 'Silk Tassel'	Variegated Japanese Sedge	F/SH	May	12"
Carex morowii 'Silver Sceptre'	Silver Variegated Sedge	P/SH	May-Jun	12"
Carex muskingumensis	Palm Sedge	L/SH	May-Jun	24"
Carex nigra	Black Flower Sedge	L/SH	May-Jun	6"-9"
Carex oshimensis 'Gold Strike'	Gold Strike Sedge	SH/Am S	N/A	10"
Carex pendula	Drooping Sedge	L/SH	Jul-Aug	3-4'
Carex siderosticha	Creeping Broad-leaf Sedge	L/SH	May-Jun	12"-18"
Carex siderosticha 'Island Brocade'	Island Brocade Broad-leaf Sedge	L/SH	May-Jun	12"-18"
Carex siderosticha 'Lemon Zest'	Golden Sedge	L/SH	May-Jun	10"-12"
Carex siderosticha 'Variegata'	Variegated Broad-leaf Sedge	L/SH	May-Jun	12"-18"
Carex sylvatica	Wood Sedge	L/SH	May-Jun	18"-24"
Carex testacea	Orange New Zealand Sedge	am/S	May	18"
Carex testacea 'Indian Summer'	New Zealand Sedge, Prairie Fire	S (6 hrs)	Summer	20"-24"
Chasmanthium latifolium	Northern Sea Oats	S/SH	Summer	4'
Cortaderia selloana	Pampas Grass	S (6 hrs)	L/Sum-E/Fall	10'
Cortaderia selloana 'Andes Silver'	Hardy Pampas Grass	S (6 hrs)	L/Summer	5'-7'
Cortaderia selloana 'Gold Band'	Gold Band Pampas Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	4'-6'
Cortaderia selloana 'Icalma'	Dwarf Pampas Grass	S (6 hrs)	L/Summer	3'-4'
Cortaderia selloana 'Pink'	Pampas Grass	S (6 hrs)	L/Summer	8'-12'
Cortaderia selloana 'Pumila'	Dwarf Pampas Grass	S (6 hrs)	L/Summer	4'-5'
Cortaderia selloana 'Rosea'	Pampas Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Nov	5'-8'
Cortaderia selloana 'Silver Stripe'	Silver Striped Pampas Grass	S (6 hrs)	L/Summer	4'-5'
Cortaderia selloana 'Usballata'	Pampas Grass	S (6 hrs)	L/Summer	6'-7'
Cortaderia selloana 'White'	Pampas Grass	S/PS	L/Sum-Fall	8'-10'
Dactyctis variegata	Variegated Orchard Grass	S/PSH	May	24"
Deschampsia caespitosa	Tufted Hairgrass	S (4 hrs)	Spring	2'-3'
Deschampsia caespitosa 'Bronzeschleier'	Tufted Hair Grass	S (4 hrs)	E-M/Fall	12"
Deschampsia caespitosa 'Goldstaub'	Tufted Hair Grass	S (4 hrs)	Sum-E/Fall	36"-40"
Deschampsia caespitosa 'Northern Lights'	Variegated Tufted Hairgrass	S (4 hrs)	Spring	1-2'
Deschampsia caespitosa 'Schottland'	Scotland Tufted Hairgrass	S (4 hrs)	Spring	18"-30"
Elymus arenarius 'Blue Dune'	Blue Lyme Grass, Blue wild Rye	S/LSH	Jun-Aug	2'-3'
Elymus arenarius 'Glaucus'	Blue Lyme Grass	S/LSH	Jun-Aug	1'-3'
Eragrostis eliottii 'Wind Dancer'	Love Grass	S/PS	Aug-Sep	30"-40"
Eragrostis spectabilis	Purple Love Grass	S/PS	Aug-Sep	18"-24"
Erianthus ravennae	Plume Grass (Saccharum)	S (6 hrs)	Summer	9'-12'
Eriophorum angustifolium	Narrow-leaved Cotton Grass	S (6 hrs)	Jul-Aug	18"-24"
Fargesia 'Rufa'	Hardy Bamboo (Green Panda)	FS/SH	n/a	6'-8'
Fargesia rufa 'Green Panda'	Clumping Bamboo	FS/SH	n/a	6'-8'
Festuca 'Siskiyou Blue'	Blue Fescue	S (4 hrs)	Jul-Aug	8"
Festuca cinerea glauca 'Sea Urchin'	Sea Urchin Blue Fescue	L/SH	Spring	8"-12"
Festuca glauca 'Boulder Blue'	Boulder Blue Fescue	S (6 hrs)	Spring	12"
Festuca mairei	Maire's Fescue	S/P SH	Summer	24"
Festuca ovina glauca `Elijah Blue'	Blue Fescue	L/SH	Spring	8"-10"
Festuca ovina 'Golden Toupee'	Golden Fescue	L/SH	Spring	8"-10"
Festuca tenuifolia 'Angel Hair'	Fescue	S (6 hrs)	M/Jul	12"
Glyceria maxima 'Variegata'	Variegated Manna Grass	S (6 hrs)	Summer	24"-36"

Hakonechloa 'Aureola'	Golden Hakone Grass	SH	L/Summer	12"-18"
Hakonechloa macra	Hakone Grass	SH	L/Summer	12"-18"
Hakonechloa macra 'Albo Striata'	Striped Hakone Grass	SH	L/Summer	18"
Hakonechloa macra 'All Gold'	Japanese Forest Grass	PS/PSH	Jul-Aug	18"
Helictotrichon sempervirens	Blue Oat Grass	S/PS	Jun	1'-2'
Helictotrichon sempervirens 'Sapphire'	Blue Oat Grass	S/PS	Jun-Jul	12"-24"
Imperata cylindrica 'Red Baron'	Japanese Blood Grass	S/PS	Summer	12"-18"
Juncus inflexus 'Lovesick Blues'	Rush	S/PS		28"-40"
Koeleria glauca	Blue Hairgrass	S (6 hrs)	May-Jun	6"-12"
Leymus arenarius	Blue Lyme Grass	S (4 hrs)	Summer	24"
Luzula luzuloides 'Ruby Stiletto'	Woodrush	SH/Am S	May-Jun	12"
Luzula nivea	Snowy Woodrush	L/SH	Jun-Jul	24"
Luzula sylvatica 'Ruby Stiletto'	Greater Woodrush	L/SH	Jun-Jul	12"-15"
MISCANTHUS	JAPANESE SILVER GRASS			
Miscanthus 'Ferner Osten'	Far East	S/PS	M-L/Sum	
Miscanthus floridus (giganteus)	Giant Silver Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	8'-15'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Adagio'	Dwarf Japanese Silver Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug.	4'-5'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Arabesque'	Japanese Silver Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	3'-5'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Autumn Light'	Japanese Silver Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	6'-8'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Cabaret'	Variiegated Silver Grass	S (6 hrs)	Sep	6'-8'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Central Park'	Central Park Maiden Grass	S (4 hrs)	Oct	6'-8'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Dixieland'	Dwarf Variiegated Silver Grass	S/PS	Aug-Sep	3'-4'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Gold Bar'	Porcupine Grass	S (6 hrs)	L/Fall	3'-5'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus'	Maiden Grass	S/PS	Sep-Oct	5'-7'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Graziella'	Japanese Silver Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	5'-6'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Huron Sunrise'	Maiden Grass	S (6 hrs)	L/Summer	5'-6'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Kaskade'	Japanese Silver Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	5'-7'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Kleine Fontaine'	Little Fountain Grass	S (6 hrs)	M-L/Sum	3'-4'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Little Kitten'	Dwarf Maiden Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	2'-3'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Little Nicky'	Dwarf Zebra Grass	S (6 hrs)	Sep-Oct	3'-4'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Little Zebra'	Dwarf Zebra Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	3'-4'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Malepartus'	Japanese Silver Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	6'-7'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Morning Light'	Silver-variegated Maiden Grass	S/PS	Oct	4'-5'
Miscanthus sinensis 'November Sunset'	Japanese Silver Grass	S (6 hrs)	Oct-Nov	6'-8'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Puenktchen'	Little Dot Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	4'-5'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Purpurescens'	Purple Maiden Hair Grass	S (4 hrs)	E-M/Fall	3'-4'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Rigoletto'	Maiden Grass	S (4 hrs)	Aug-Sep	36"
Miscanthus sinensis 'Rotsilber'	Japanese Silver Grass	S (6 hrs)	Sep	5'-6'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Sarabande'	Japanese Silver Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	5'-6'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Silberfeder'	Silver Feather Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Oct	6'-8'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Silberfeil'	Variiegated Japanese Silver Grass	S (6 hrs)	Oct	6'-7'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Strictus'	Porcupine Grass	S (6 hrs)	Sep	6'-8'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Super Stripe'	Maiden Grass	S (6 hrs)	Sep-Oct	48"
Miscanthus sinensis transmorrisonensis	Evergreen Maiden Grass	S (4 hrs)	E-M/Fall	36"-48"
Miscanthus sinensis var. condensatus	Purple Blooming Japanese Silver	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	6'-8'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Variegatus'	Variiegated Japanese Silver Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	5'-6'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Yaku Jima'	Dwarf Japanese Silver Grass	S/PS	Aug-Sep	3'-4'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Zebrinus'	Zebra Grass	S (6 hrs)	Sep	6'-8'
Miscanthus var. condenstatus 'Cosmopolitan'	Variiegated Silver Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	6'-8'

Molinia arundinacea 'Skyracer'	Moor Grass	S/PS	M/Summer	3'
Molinia c. ssp arundinacea 'Transparent'	Moor Grass	S/PS	M/Summer	5'-7'
Molinia c. ssp arundinacea 'Windspiel'	Windplay Tall Moor Grass	S/PS	M/Summer	3'
Molinia caerulea 'Variegata'	Moor Grass	S/PS	M/Summer	12"-18"
Muhlenbergia capillaris (filipes)	Pink Muhly or Pink Hair Grass	S (6 hrs)	Sep-Nov	3'
Muhlenbergia capillaris 'White Cloud'	White Muhly Grass	S (6 hrs)	Sep-Dec	4'
Panicum amarum 'Dewey Blue'	Blue Switch Grass	S (6 hrs)	Jul-Oct	3'-4'
Panicum virgatum 'Cloud Nine'	Tall Switch Grass	S (6 hrs)	Jul-Oct	7'-8'
Panicum virgatum 'Dallas Blues'	Blue Switch Grass	S (6 hrs)	L/Summer	5'-6'
Panicum virgatum 'Haense Herms'	Red Switch Grass	S (6 hrs)	Jul-Oct	3'-4'
Panicum virgatum 'Heavy Metal'	Blue Switch Grass	S (6 hrs)	Jul-Oct	4'-5'
Panicum virgatum 'North Winds'	Northwinds Switch Grass	S (6 hrs)	Jul-Feb	6'
Panicum virgatum 'Prairie Sky'	Blue Switch Grass	S (6 hrs)	L/Summer	3'-4'
Panicum virgatum 'Rotstrahlbusch'	Red Switch Grass	S (6 hrs)	Jul-Oct	3'-4'
Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah'	Red Switch Grass	S (6 hrs)	Jul-Oct	3'-4'
Panicum virgatum 'Skyscraper'	Switch Grass	S (6 hrs)	Jul-Oct	4'
Pennisetum alopecuroides	Fountain Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	3'-4'
Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Cassian'	Cassian Fountain Grass	S/PS	Aug-Sep	2'-3'
Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Fox Trot'	Giant Fountain Grass	S (6 hrs)	Summer	4'-5'
Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Hameln'	Dwarf Fountain Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	24"-36"
Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Little Bunny'	Little Bunny Fountain Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	8"-12"
Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Little Honey'	Little Honey Fountain Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	8"-12"
Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Moudry'	Black Fountain Grass	S (6 hrs)	Sep-Oct	2'-3'
Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Penn Stripe'	Variegate Compact Fountain Grass	SH	Summer	2'-3'
Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Piglet'	Fountain Grass	SH/Am S	Aug-Oct	18"
Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Red Head'	Fountain Grass	S (6 hrs)	Sep	30"-36"
Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Viriscens'	Black Fountain Grass	S (6 hrs)	E/Fall	2'-3'
Pennisetum c.	White Flower Fountain Grass	S (6 hrs)	Summer-Fall	4'-5'
Pennisetum g. 'Purple Majesty'	Ornamental Millet	S (6 hrs)	Summer-Fall	36"-48"
Pennisetum messiacum 'Red Bunny Tails'	Red Bunny Tails	S (6 hrs)	Summer-Fall	18"-36"
Pennisetum orientale	Oriental Fountain Grass	S (6 hrs)	Jun-Oct	36"-48"
Pennisetum orientale 'Karley Rose'	Karley Rose Fountain Grass	S (6 hrs)	May-Fall	36"-42"
Pennisetum setaceum 'Rubrum'	ANNUAL Purple Fountain Grass	S (6 hrs)	Summer-Fall	3'-4'

Phalaris arundinacea 'Dwarf Garters'	Ribbon Grass	S (4 hrs)	L/Summer	12"-15"
Phalaris arundinacea 'Feecey's Variety'	Ribbon Grass	S/PS	Summer	36"
Phalaris arundinacea 'Picta'	Ribbon Grass	S/PS	May-Jun	36"
Phalaris arundinacea 'Strawberries & Cream'	Ribbon Grass	S/PS	Summer	36"
Saccarum ravennae	Ravenna Grass	S (6 hrs)	Aug-Sep	10'-12'
Schizachyrium 'Little Blue Stem'	Prairie Beard Grass	S (6 hrs)	L/Summer	2'-4'
Schizachyrium scoparium 'The Blues'	Little Blue Stem	S (6 hrs)	Jul-Sep	2'-3'
Sesleria caerulea	Blue Moor Grass	P/SH	Summer	6"-12"
Sorghastrum nutans 'Indian Steel'	Indian Grass	S (6 hrs)	Sum-L/Fall	3'
Sorghastrum nutans 'Sioux Blues'	Indian Grass	S (6 hrs)	Summer	3'-5'
Spartina pectinata nata 'Aureo-marginata'	Cord Grass	S/PS	L/Jul	4'-5'
Spodiopogon sibericus	Frost Grass	S/PS	Jul-Oct	3'-5'
Sporobolis heterolepis	Prairie Dropseed	S/PS	Aug-Sep	15"-24"
Stipa gigantea	Giant Feather Grass	S/PS	Jun-Fall	2'-5'
Stipa capillata	Feather Grass	S/PS	Jun-Fall	12"-24"
Stipa tenuissima 'Pony Tails'	Mexican Feather Grass	S/PS	Jun-Fall	12"-18"
Stipa viridula	Feathergrass	S (6 hrs)	Jul	18"-24"

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S = Sun	F = Full	L = Late
PSH = Part Shade	P = Part	E =Early
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