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GRASSLAND GARDENS ORNAMENTAL GRASS LIST

GG = Grassland Gardens experience growing this variety or comments.

‘Adagio’- Compact Maiden Grass

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Adagio’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Adagio’
Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun. 4-5 Ft. Tall.
Narrow green foliage. Compact maiden grass, arches nicely.
Prolific bloomer starting in August. Good selection for smaller gardens.

‘Arabesque’

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Arabesque’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Arabesque’
Perennial /Clumping /Warm Season Grass – Zone 4, Sun, Height up to 5 Ft.
Wider vase shape than many Miscanthus– showy plumes
Fine narrow green leaves, Blooms in September.

‘Autumn Light’

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Autumn Light’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Autumn Light’
Perennial /Clumping /Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, Up to 7Ft. Tall.
Narrow green foliage, delicate appearance despite its large size.
Blooms in September, Arched habit.

‘Avalanche’

Calamagrostis acutiflora ‘Avalanche’ – Variegated Feather Reed Grass
Perennial /Clumping /Cool Season Grass – Zone 4, Sun, part shade, Up to 4 Ft Tall
Striking variegated form with wide white center stripe on each leaf blade.
Feathery gold plumes in early summer. Vertical habit.

‘Bluetenwunder’

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Bluetenwunder’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Bluetenwunder’
Perennial /Clumping /Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, Height 4-6 Ft.
Medium width foliage, massive bloomer, lots of reddish fall color. Blooms in August.

‘Brachytricha’ – Fall Blooming Reed Grass

Calamagrostis arundinacea ‘Brachytricha’
Perennial/Clumping /Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, Part Shade, 3 Ft.Tall.
Flowers emerge late summer to early Fall – green blushed with pink and mature to wheat color. Water weekly in hot climates. Will bloom in considerable shade.
GG= Good candidate for partly shaded area. Drought is hard on it.

‘Cabaret’

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Cabaret’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Cabaret’

Perennial /Clumping/Warm Season Grass - Zone 5, Sun, Light Shade, Up to 8 Ft Tall?

Very wide ribbon-like foliage with a creamy-white center and dark green margins.

GG=Gets 5ft tall in my field.

‘Cassian’ – Fountain Grass

Pennisetum alopecuroides ‘Cassian’

Perennial /Clumping /Warm Season Grass–Zone 5, Sun, Light shade, Up to 3 Ft. Tall.

Narrow mid-green leaves form a low, fountain-like mound.

Great orange Fall color; tan, bottlebrush-like plume.

‘Cheyenne Sky’ – Petite Red Switch Grass

Panicum virgatum ‘Cheyenne Sky’ PPAF

Perennial /Clumping /Warm Season Grass –Zone 4, Sun. Height: 3 Ft. Tall

Forms a tight vase-shaped clump of blue-green foliage. Purple flowers.

Turns wine red in early summer. Ideal for containers. 1st year in field.

‘Cloud Nine’ - Blue switch grass

Panicum virgatum ‘Cloud Nine’

Perennial /Clumping /Warm Season Grass – Zone 4, Full Sun, PartSshade, Ht. 6-7 Ft.

Blue-green Foliage; Blooms mid August. Upright habit. Makes a nice screen.

Turns an attractive dark golden color in fall. Needs a lot of room!

‘Cosmopolitan’

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Cosmopolitan’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Cosmopolitan’

Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 6?, Sun, Height up to 7 ft.??

Wide ribbon foliage with deep green center and wide, creamy-white margins.

Exact opposite of ‘Cabaret’. Zone 6?Has over wintered 3 years in the field.

‘Dallas Blues’ – Blue Switch Grass

Panicum virgatum ‘Dallas Blues’ PP11202

Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun to Part shade, 6-8 ft. Tall.

One of the bluest of all switch grasses – bright blue wide leaves. Vase like habit.

Showy fluffy, pink/purple flowers 22” long held aloft on strong stems.

‘Desert Plains’

Pennisetum alspecuroides – Fountain Grass PPAF

Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun. Height: 4 Ft. Tall.

Narrow, green leaves form upright vase shape. Beautiful fall color.

Five inch tan bottle brush flowers. 2nd year in field.

‘Dixieland’ – Dwarf Variegated form of ‘Variegatus’

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Dixieland’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Dixieland’
Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, Height 3-4 Ft.
Green & white variegated foliage but with a shorter, more compact habit.
Very showy, silky pink plumes. 3rd year in field.

‘Eldorado’

Calamagrostis acutiflora ‘Eldorado’ PP16486 - Gold Variegated Feather Reed Grass
Perennial/Clumping/Cool Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, Height 4-5 ft. Upright habit.
Gold variegated ‘Karl Foerster’, Narrow green leaves, bright gold midrib.
Attractive feathery, red-bronze plumes, blooms early summer, lasts all season.
GG = Been a bit slower to establish than other feather reed grasses.

‘Elijah Blue’ - Blue Fescue Grass

Festuca glauca ‘Elijah Blue’
Perennial/Clumping/Cool Season Grass – Zone 4, Sun to Part sun, Height 8-10 inches
Soft powdery blue, spiky foliage forms a rounded clump and keeps its color all year.
GG = Summer heat can be tough on fescues. If likes where it is placed, will do fine.
If not, can look burned up in summer or possibly die.

‘Foxtrot’ – Giant Fountain Grass

Pennisetum alopecuroides ‘Foxtrot’
Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, Height 4-5 Ft Tall..
Forms dense clump as tall as it is wide. Narrow green leaves turn gold in fall.
Produces smoky-rose/cream, bottlebrush plumes 6-8” long in mid-late summer.

‘Giant Sacaton’

Sporobolus wrightii – Dropseed Family
Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 4, Sun to Part shade, 5-7 Ft. Tall.
Branched feathery seed heads to 7 ft. Arching 3-4 ft leaves, a good see through plant.
Drought resistant. Plant Select Award Winner.

‘Gracillimus’ – Maiden Grass

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Gracillimus’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Gracillimus’
Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun to Part shade, Up to 6 Ft Tall
Desired for its fine narrow foliage, graceful round form . Blooms copper-red in Fall.
Most widely known of the Miscanthus.

‘Graziella’

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Graziella’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Graziella’
Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun to Part shade, 4-5 Ft. Tall.
One of the earliest Miscanthus bloomers– large white flowers held well above foliage.
Foilage will take on some red/yellow/orange color in fall. August bloom.

‘Hameln’ – Dwarf Fountain Grass

Pennisetum alopecuroides ‘Hameln’

Perennial/Clumping /Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, 2-3 ft. Tall

Greenish-white flowers starting mid July turn a creamy tan. Fountain habit.

Dark green foliage, finer-textured foliage.

‘Heavy Metal’ – Blue Switch Grass

Panicum virgatum ‘Heavy Metal’

Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 4, Sun to Part shade, 4-5 ft. Tall.

Handsome grass with stiff, blue green leaves that form an upright clump.

Delicate pink panicles above foilage. Leaves get some red/yellow color in fall.

‘Huron Sentinel’

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Huron Sentinel’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Huron Sentinel’

Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 4, Sun, Up to 6 ft. Tall.

Bronze flower mature into fluffy-fawn colored seed heads – texture of chenille.

Upright arching habit, deep green leaves. Blooms late summer. 3rd year in field.

‘Huron Solstice’ – Red Switch Grass

Panicum ‘Huron Solstice’

Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 4, Sun, 4 Ft. Tall.

Blue-green leaves turn a deeper shade of wine-purple beginning in early summer.

Upright habit. Deep purple flowers. 2nd year in field.

‘Indian Steel’ – Blue Indian Grass

Sorghastrum nutans ‘Indian Steel’

Perennial /Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 4, Sun to Light shade, 4-6 ft. Tall

Blue foliage, upright coppery blooms in August. Upright foliage.

Flowers late summer with slender downy heads open golden and darken to bronze.

Tolerates heat and free of rust.

GG = This grass can reseed.

‘Karl Foerster’ - Feather Reed Grass

Calamagrostis acutiflora ‘Karl Foerster’

Perennial/Clumping/Cool Season Grass - Zone 5, Sun, Light shade. 4-5 ft. Tall.

Wheat-like seed heads appear in late spring and last all season. Upright habit.

Soil – tolerates either wet or dry conditions. Plant at a minimum 3 ft. apart.

2001 Perennial Plant of the Year!

‘Karley Rose’ – Orientale Fountain Grass

Pennisetum orientale ‘Karley Rose’ PP12909

Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass - Zone 5, Sun, part shade. 36-40 inches Tall.

Deep green arching foliage. Rose pink fluffy blooms. Quick to establish.

Blooms early summer. Drought Tolerant. Needs space.

‘Little Bunny’ –Miniature Fountain Grass

Pennisetum alopecuroides ‘Little Bunny’

Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, 10-12 inches. Tall.

Blooms midsummer, fluffy white inflorescence. Space 15” apart.

GG= Can be tempermental where only sections of plant will come back.

‘Little Zebra’ – Dwarf Zebra Grass

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Little Zebra’ PP13008 – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Little Zebra’

Perennial /Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, Part sun. 3-4 ft. Tall.

A superb, dwarf version of Zebra Grass. Strong horizontal gold banding.

Reddish-purple plumes appear in September turning to a creamy-tan in winter.

‘Little Kitten’ –Dwarf Maiden Grass

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Little Kitten’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Little Kitten’

Perennial /Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun. 1-3 ft. Tall.

A petite form of Japanese Silver grass forming a mound of narrow, green foliage topped with plumes in late summer and fall.

‘Malepartus’

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Malepartus’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Malepartus’

Perennial / Clumping / Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, Part shade, 5-6 Ft. Tall

August blooming with some beautiful burgundy fall color and large blooms turning from purplish-pink to fluffy silver-white.

‘Morning Light’ – (Variegated Maiden Grass)

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Morning Light’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Morning Light’

Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass –Zone 5, Sun, Part shade, 3 1/2 – 5 Ft. Tall

Foliage slender silver striped (variegated). Upright Arching/Fountain Habit

Flowers deep pink bronze drying to a fluffy cream. Beautiful & refined. Late bloomer.

GG=A bit slower to establish, but always does.

‘Nippon’

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Nippon’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Nippon’

Perennial /Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, Part shade, 4-5 Ft. Tall.

Slender foliage well separated from the blooms. One of the smaller *Miscanthus*.

Deep wine inflorescences emerge, then age to cream. Great for small gardens.

Similar to *Gracillimus*, but blooms earlier.

Northern Sea Oats

Chasmanthium latifolium

Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Part shade to Shade, 2-3 Ft. Tall.

Showy, drooping flowers and rich bamboo like foliage.

Green ¾”-1” long flat flower spikes maturing to copper in fall. GG = Does reseed.

In our hot inland climate, partial shade with access to some moisture for best growth.

‘Northwind’

Panicum virgatum ‘North Wind’ – Blue Switch Grass
Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 4, Sun, 5-6 Ft. Tall
Dark green, rigidly upright clumping grass. Fast Grower.
Flower panicles are held in the middle of the clump. Blooms late summer.

‘Overdam’ - Variegated Feather Reed Grass

Perennial / Clumping/ Cool Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, Part shade, 3-4 Ft. Tall.
White & green vertical variegated foliage. Will do well in partial shade.
Flowers early summer, strikingly erect, feathery plumes with purplish seed heads turn tan as they age. Vertical habit.

‘Pawnee’ – Big Bluestem

Andropogon gerardi ‘Pawnee’
Perennial /Clumping/Warm Season Grass - Zone 4, Sun, 5-6 ft. Tall.
Colorful robust native, turns red after frost.
The classic “turkey foot” native prairie grass.

‘PennStripe’ – Variegated Fountain Grass

Pennisetum alopecuroides ‘PennStripe’ PPAF
Perennial?/ Clumping /Warm Season Grass – Zone 6?, Sun/Part Shade. 2-3 Ft. Tall.
Creamy – white and green striped blades. Winter hardy ??? 1st year in field.

‘Piglet’ - Compact Fountain Grass

Pennisetum alopecuroides ‘Piglet’ PPAF
Perennial/ Clumping/ Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun. 18” Tall.
Compact fountain grass. Larger than ‘Little Bunny’, smaller than ‘Hameln’. 1st year.

‘Positano’

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Positano’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Positano’
Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, 5-6 Ft. Tall.
Medium green with foliage with good yellow/red Fall color.
Flowers early Fall with showy red flowers.

‘Prairie Blues’ - Little Bluestem

Schizachyrium scoparium ‘Prairie Blues’
Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 3, Sun, 3 Ft. Tall.
Bright grey-blue foliage and red-orange fall color. Fluffy, silver seed heads.
Narrow upright habit. Grows in hot, dry areas. 2nd year in field.

Prairie Dropseed

Sporobolus heterolepis – Prairie Dropseed
Great Plant for the Great Plains 2003: Grass of the Year
Perennial/Clumping/Cool-Warm Season Grass – Zone 4, Sun, 2 Ft Tall.
Narrow leaved, fragrant native grass. Veil of seed heads in late summer.
Striking golden-orange fall foliage color. Do not overwater. Slow growing, but tough.

‘Prairie Fire’ – Red Switch Grass

Panicum virgatum ‘Prairie Fire’ PPAF

Perennial/ Clumping/ Warm Season Grass – Zone 4, Sun. Height 4-5 Ft.

Blue-green foliage turns wine red by early summer.

Rosy flower panicles appear just above foliage. 1st year in field.

‘Prairie Sky’– Blue switch grass

Panicum virgatum ‘Prairie Sky’

Perennial / Clumping / Warm Season Grass – Zone 4, sun, Paet shade. 4-5 Ft. Tall.

Metallic blue foliage. Flowers late summer with blooms airy and attractive.

Relaxed habit. Clumps spread 3 ft. Plant at a minimum 4ft. apart.

GG= Slow to break dormancy. This grass can reseed.

‘Puenktchen’ – Little Dot

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Puenktchen’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Puenktchen’

Perennial / Clumping / Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, 4-5 Ft Tall. Erect habit.

Foliage has horizontal yellow bands. Beautiful rose-burgundy flowers late summer.

‘Purpurascens’ – Flame Grass

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Purpurascens’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Purpurascens’

Perennial /Clumping /Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, Light shade, 3-5 Ft.Tall.

Foliage: Summer-green foliage with reddish tint, fall-intense red/orange

Winter – burnt reddish brown well into winter.

Flowers late summer with showy cotton like plumes. Can be difficult to establish.

Quaking Grass

Briza media –Quaking Grass

Perennial/Clumping /Cool Season Grass–Zone 4, Sun to Partial shade, 2-3 Ft. Tall

Flower spikes rise a foot or more above foliage in Spring.

Heart-shaped seed heads great for dried arrangements.

‘Red Head’

Pennisetum alopecuroides ‘Red Head’

Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, Height 3-4 ft.

Green foliage turns gold in fall. Blooms mid to late summer.

Purple buds mature to smoky purple plumes 3 in. wide and 8-10 in. long.

‘Rigoletto’

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Rigoletto’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Rigoletto’

Perennial / Clumping / Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, Height 4-5 Ft.

Compact Silver Grass with medium width strong creamy white & green variegation.

‘Rotsilber’

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Rotsilber’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Rotsilber’

Perennial /Clumping /Warm Season Grass –Zone 5, Sun, Height 4-6 Ft. Arching habit.

Narrow leaves. Flowers late summer – nice red flowers especially when opening.

‘Rotstrahlbusch’ – Red Switch Grass

Panicum virgatum ‘Rotstrahlbusch’

Perennial / Clumping / Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun- Light Shade, 3-4 Ft. Tall.

Foliage intensifies to a burnished red in midsummer. Airy blooms in summer.

‘Rubrum’ – Purple-leaved Fountain Grass

Pennisetum setaceum ‘Rubrum’

Annual / Clumping / Warm Season Grass – Zone 9-10, Sun, 3-4 Ft Tall.

Burgundy foliage turning straw colored with first hard freeze. Nice Fountain habit.

Flowers in June and continues throughout the summer with 8-12 in. red-purple plumes

Makes a great container plant. Rapid grower and prolific bloomer.

GG= **‘Rubrum’ is an annual**, but well worth it!

‘Shenandoah’ – Red Switch Grass

Panicum virgatum ‘Shenandoah’

Perennial / Clumping / Warm Season Grass- zone 5, Sun-Light shade, 3-4 Ft. Tall.

Dark red leaf tones in July to wine colored in September, burgundy in August.

Flowers mid-late summer with blooms airy and attractive.

Best burgundy coloring of all switch grasses. Upright plant.

‘Silberfeder’ – Silver Feather

Miscanthus/Clumping /Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, 4-6 Ft Tall.

Large, feathery seed heads high above deep green, wide arching foliage with silver midrib. Flowers late summer with foliage taking on some yellow/red color in fall.

Can grow to a width of 6 ft., space accordingly.

‘Sioux Blue’ – Blue Indian Grass

Sorghastrum nutans ‘Sioux Blue’

Perennial / Clumping / Warm Season Grass-Zone 4, Sun to Light shade. 4-6 Ft. Tall.

Foliage light green to blue turning to bronze or burnt orange in fall.

Flowers late summer with slender downy heads open golden and darken to bronze.

Tall narrow clumps (2Ft). Native. Can reseed.

‘Stardust’

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Stardust’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Stardust’

Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass-Zone 5, Sun, 1-3 Ft. Tall.

Petite, narrow green leaves horizontal variegation. Burgundy plumes in late summer.

2nd year in field.

‘Strictus’ – Porcupine Grass

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Strictus’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Strictus’

Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, 5-6 Ft Tall.

Distinctive yellowish-white horizontally banded leaves.

Stiff, upright foliage said to resemble porcupine quills. More upright than Zebra grass.

‘Superstripe’

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Super Stripe’ PP18161 – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Super Stripe’
Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun, 5-6 Ft Tall
Heavily checkered with gold horizontal bands – from the moment they emerge.
3-4 ft tall clumps with blooms held two ft. above.

‘The Blues’ – Little Bluestem

Schizachyrium scoparium ‘The Blues’
Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 4, Sun, 3 Ft Tall, Vase.
True deep blue foliage. Exceptional burgundy red fall color.
Small fluffy tufts bloom along stem. Tolerates heat and humidity.
Stems relax when changing color and then stiffen up again.
Best if can place in a protected area to help minimize flopping.
GG = This grass can reseed. Easily kept under control.

‘Thundercloud’ PPAF - Switch Grass

Panicum virgatum ‘Thundercloud’ PPAF
Perennial/Clumping/ Warm Season Grass-Zone 4, Sun, 7-8 Ft. tall.
Pinkish-tan panicles produced just above the blue-green leaves.
Strongly upright foliage. Very large switch grass. 2nd year in field.

‘Undine’

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Undine’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Undine’
Perennial / Clumping / Warm Season Grass
Zone 5, Sun, Height 4-5ft., Arching clumps.
Flowers late summer with silvery white flowers on slender stems.
Stems get some yellow/orange fall color.

‘Variegatus’

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Variegatus’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Variegatus’
Perennial/Clumping/Warm Season Grass – Zone 5, Sun to Part shade. 5-6 Ft Tall.
White & green variegated foliage arches heavily creating a wide mound.
Red tinted plumes in early fall. Prefers well-draining soil. Needs space.

viridescens – Dark plume fountain grass

Pennisetum alopecuroides ‘viridescens’
Perennial/ Clumping/Warm Season Grass –Zone 5, Sun. 2 ½ Ft Tall, Fountain Habit.
Dark, almost black plumes above deep green coarse foliage
Blooms Early Fall. Not for sale.

‘Zebrinus’ – Zebra Grass

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Zebrinus’ – Japanese Silver Grass ‘Zebrinus’
Perennial /Clumping /Warm Season Grass-Zone 5, Sun, 5-6 Ft. Tall.
Foliage: horizontal golden-yellow bars. Arching clumps form widely.
Blooms in early fall and emerge pinkish copper. Can sometimes flop.

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Keep for future reference.