

# PERENNIAL GRASSES '22

Varieties, description and culture.....



- Big Bluestem** ..... \$11.99 / *Andropogon gerardii* 'Blackhawks' / 4-5' tall / A strictly upright native grass quickly forming a clump of dark green leaves that take on hints of copper and maroon starting in mid-summer. Deep purple flowers with orange-red pollen in late summer. Great for naturalizing, meadows, screening.
- Blue Fescue** ..... \$9.99 / *Festuca ovina* gl. 'Blue Whiskers' / 12" tall / Like 'Elijah Blue', only slightly bigger, more vigorous, and more heat tolerant. Looks better for a longer period, as well.
- Blue Sedge Grass** ..... \$11.99 / *Carex glauca* 'Blue Zinger' / 12" tall / Blue-grey grassy foliage on low wide spreading clumps. Likes shade or part shade and moist to wet soil. Good sub for blue fescue where conditions are too shady and wet, although spreads. Plants are sold from the aquatic section.
- Blue Switch Grass** ..... \$9.99 / *Panicum virgatum* 'Heavy Metal' / 4.5' tall / Native upright clumper for tight spaces featuring blades of intense metallic-blue that turn yellow in the fall.
- Bottle Brush Grass** ..... \$8.99 / *Hystrix patula* / 2-3' tall / Exquisite bottle-bush plumes occur over the grassy clumps in June. A native grass usually found in dry oak shade. Pots sold from shade perennials.
- Dwarf Fountain Grass** ..... \$9.99 / *Pennisetum alopecuroides* 'Hameln' / 2-3' tall / Compact and an early blooming selection with the typical cream bottlebrush plumes. A very popular low maintenance grass.
- Dwarf Zebra Grass** ..... \$9.99 / *Miscanthus sinensis* 'Little Zebra' / 3-4' tall / A short and vigorous variety with generous gold banding on narrow blades. Profuse reddish-purple plumes in August.
- Feather Reed Grass** ..... \$9.99 / *Calamagrostis acutiflora* 'Karl Foerster' / 4-5' tall / Upright clumping habit with spire-like feathery cream plumes that persist until fall. Dark green glossy foliage is semi-evergreen. A cool season grass going summer dormant fairly early.
- Fountain Grass** ..... \$10.99 / *Pennisetum alopecuroides* 'Desert Plains' / 4' tall / An improved rose fountain grass. Narrow weeping foliage takes on gold and red highlights in fall. Smoky purple bottlebrush plumes age to tan. A Proven Winners selection.
- Fountain Grass** ..... \$9.99 / *Pennisetum alopecuroides* 'Puppy Love' / 3' tall / An intermediate sized clump with sturdy stems topped with large, burgundy-tinged smoky plumes by mid-summer.
- Giant Miscanthus** ..... \$14.99 / *Miscanthus x giganteus* / 12' tall / A sterile vigorous hybrid that forms a spreading, upright clump with leaves all the way up the tall stems, making it ideal for where tall screens are needed. Topped with larger than normal pinkish-cream plumes in late summer.
- Japanese Forest Grass** ..... \$10.99 / *Hakonechloa macra* 'All Gold' / 12" tall / Like the above only having weeping leaves of solid gold and grows with a slightly more vigorous inclination. Found in shade perennials.
- Japanese Forest Grass** ..... \$10.99 / *Hakonechloa macra* 'Aureola' / 12" tall / Cascading form with green and gold stripes good for softening edges or as a colorful shade accent. Found in shade perennials.
- Korean Feather Reed Grass** ..... \$11.99 / *Calamagrostis brachytricha* / A clumping grass with leaves resembling pennisetum that bears fluffy purple-red bottlebrush plumes that age to a nice greenish-tan. Offers rare height and architecture for the shade garden.
- Little Bluestem** ..... \$9.99 / *Schizachyrium scoparium* / 4.5' tall / Upright steel-blue leaves sporting an iridescent silvery mauve purple cast beginning in mid-summer. Purple / pink / orange in the fall.
- Maiden Grass** ..... \$9.99 / *Miscanthus sinensis* 'Gracillimus' / 6-7' tall / Fine textured narrow green blades with a silver stripe. Erect with graceful weeping foliage and tall wine-colored plumes in early fall that age to a fluffy creamy tan. Very popular.
- Muhly Grass** ..... \$9.99 / *Muhlenbergia capillaris* / 3' tall / Native grass with dark green, fine textured glossy foliage. Blooming in September, soft clouds of fluffy pink plumes appear in late summer. Heat, drought, and humidity tolerant. Best effect when massed in a group. Indiana Native.

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- Oak Sedge**..... **\$5.99** / *Carex pensylvanica* / 12" tall / An excellent native shade groundcover with weeping foliage of bright green. Spreading manageably by rhizomes, it tolerates dry shade well and may be used a substitute for turf where grass will not grow. Pots found in shade perennials.
- Oriental Fountain Grass** **\$10.99** / *Pennisetum orientale* 'Karley Rose' / 3-4' tall / Forms a vigorous, fast-growing clump of rich green, arching foliage. Rich rose-pink plumes occur for much of summer. Give plenty of space.
- Plume Grass**..... **\$9.99** / *Erianthus ravennae* / 12' tall / The tallest of the hardy grasses, Fluffy, spire-like plumes soar above the grey-green mounds of broad weeping foliage. Although not the true pampas grass, it is also referred to as the hardy pampas grass as it is more reliably hardy here.
- Prairie Dropseed**..... **\$9.99** / *Sporobolus heterolepis* / 2-3' tall / Refined native prairie grass with a soft, fountain-like look. Threadlike green foliage turns golden orange in fall. Surprisingly fragrant pinkish-brown flowers on tall thin arching stems. Heat and drought tolerant. *Limited Supply*
- Purple Love Grass**..... **\$8.99** / *Eragrostis spectabilis* / 18-24" tall / This tolerant native spreading grass features delicate panicles of soft purple in late summer, beautiful when massed. The spent seed heads dehisce late in the season, often blowing around like tumbleweeds. They also make a nice dried flower.
- Purple Mini Fountain Grass** **\$9.99** / *Pennisetum alop.* 'Burgundy Bunny' / 12" tall / Exactly like 'Little Bunny' with the added feature of colored foliage. The color starts turning wine-red by mid-summer, turning completely red by fall. Needs sun to color up. Cream bottlebrush plumes in summer.
- Reblooming Maiden Grass** **\$9.99** / *Miscanthus sinensis* 'Encore' / 6-7' tall / An early blooming selection that puts out a second flush of plumes as the old ones are turning fluffy white. Upright with dark green leaves.
- Red Switch Grass**..... **\$10.99** / *Panicum virgatum* 'Cheyenne Sky' / 3' tall / A shorter selection of this native grass forming tight, vase shaped clumps. Glaucous foliage takes on red hues by midsummer. Hazy purple seed heads late in the season. A slightly taller substitute for Japanese Blood Grass.
- River Oat Grass**..... **\$8.99** / *Chasmanthium latifolium* / 3' tall / Showy native ornamental grass with oat-like seed heads that persist until a heavy snow and are good for dried arrangements. Reseeds readily. Takes considerable shade and tolerates wet areas prone to flooding. Sold from shade perennials.
- Sideoats Grama Grass**..... **\$9.99** / *Bouteloua curtipendula* / 2.5' tall / A warm -season turf forming grass with wiry bluish-green leaves. Pendant oat-like clusters formed on one side of the stem mature to seeds that are relished by birds. Mixes well with other wildflowers as it stays short in the spring. Indiana native.
- Upright Switch Grass**..... **\$8.99** / *Panicum virgatum* 'Heavy Metal' / 5-6' tall / Strongly upright metallic-blue foliage that turns a nice gold in the fall. Pinkish-tan panicles in mid-summer are born in the middle of the clump.
- Variegated Feather Reed Grass**..... **\$9.99** / *Calamagrostis acutiflora* 'Overdam' / 2-3' tall / Upright clumper with narrow green leaves with white edges. Wheat colored seed heads in summer. Reportedly overwinters well in containers, good for combo pots. Pots sold outside.
- Variegated Japanese Sedge** **\$9.99** / *Carex oshimensis* 'Evergold' & 'Everillo' / 10" tall / Narrow weeping mounds of semi-evergreen leaves of bright golden yellow. Easy to grow but doesn't like to dry out.
- Variegated Maiden Grass** **\$9.99** / *Miscanthus sin.* 'Morning Light' / 3-5' tall / Compact with fine texture, clean variegation and a neat arching form. Reddish-bronze plumes appear late, aging to a creamy-tan.
- Variegated Miscanthus**..... **\$9.99** / *Miscanthus sin.* 'Dixieland' / 4-5' tall / A dwarf form of 'Variegatus with broad white stripes along the edges and a more compact growth habit. Does not need staking.
- Zebra Grass**..... **\$11.99** / *Miscanthus sinensis* 'Strictus' / 5-7' tall / Adorned with horizontal gold stripes, upright habit becoming a wide weeping clump with maturity, vigorous with pinkish plumes late in the season.

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**Grass Culture:** Grasses grow best in full sun and in moist, well-drained soil, although some tolerate light shade. Any tolerating different culture are noted above. When established, grasses are generally low maintenance. An application of high nitrogen or lawn fertilizer in the spring will help them to achieve their potential. Grasses can be cut back 3-6" from the ground when browned in late fall although miscanthus varieties benefit from a less severe pruning to protect the crown, otherwise cut back in early spring before growth resumes.