

GRASSES CATALOGUE

An increasingly popular group of plants, though many new varieties can be very similar to others already existing. We hold a representative selection but are always open to suggestions of new varieties which you may feel we should stock.

ACORUS *Best in a moist well drained soil in full sun.*

A. gramineus 'Ogon' Yellow, stiff, slightly arching leaves edged green, evergreen. Height 20cm. Spread 15cm.

ALOPECURUS *Open sunny site in moisture retentive soil.*

A. pratensis 'Aureovariegatus' Tuft forming, perennial grass with yellow/yellowish green streaked leaves and foxtail like plumes. Height 50cm. Spread 50cm.

ARRENATHERUM *Requires well drained soil in sun or part shade.*

A. elata .ssp.bulbosum 'Variegatum' Slender arching grey leaves that are striped creamy-white. Silvery spikelets from June to September. Height 12 to 15cm. Spread 30cm.

ARUNDO *Requires full sun and moist soil, well drained soil, sheltered site.*

A. donax Perennial grass with strong stems bearing broad, sage green leaves. May bear dense, erect panicles of whitish-yellow spikelets in late summer. Height 2.5 to 3 metres. Spread 60cm.

A. donax var.versicolor Perennial grass with strong stems bearing broad, creamy- white striped leaves. May bear dense, erect panicles of whitish-yellow spikelets in late summer. Height 2.5 to 3 metres. Spread 60cm.

BRIZA *Full sun and well drained soil.*

B. media Delicate stems of nodding heart shaped seed heads. Light green leaves, deciduous. Height 30 to 40cm. Spread 30cm.

CALAMAGROSTIS *Will grow in sun or part shade in most soils.*

C. x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster' Feathery brown flower heads fade to grey, July and August. Upright narrow green leaves. Height 125cm. Spread 30 to 45cm.

C. x acu. 'Overdam' Feathery brown flower heads fade to grey, July and August. Arching mounds of green and white striped leaves Height 90cm. Spread 30 to 45cm.

CAREX *Moist soil in sun or part shade.*

C. bergrennii Narrow, bronze leaved, evergreen sedge. Height 10 to 15cm. Spread 15cm.

C. buchanii Very narrow bronze leaves. Evergreen. Height 45cm. Spread up to 30cm. Small neat leaves with white margins. Height 10cm. Spread 15cm. Well drained soil in full sun .

C. elata 'Aurea' Solid, triangular stems bear blackish-brown flower spikes in summer. Golden yellow leaves occasionally striped green, evergreen. Height to 60cm. Spread 45cm.

C. 'Frosted Curls' Silvery green upright foliage, with the ends of leaves curling. Forming a neat small clump, evergreen. Height to 30cm. Spread 20cm.

CORTADERIA *Well drained soil in full sun.*

C. selloana 'Aureolineata' (Was *C. s. 'Gold Band'*) Feathery, silvery, plumes from August to December. Sharp edged green and gold striped grass like leaves. Height 90 to 120cm. Spread 60 to 100cm.

C. selloana 'Rendatleri' Feathery, silvery pink, plumes from August to December. Sharp edged mid green grass like leaves. Height 180 to 250cm. Spread 60 to 100cm.

C. selloana 'Silver Fountain' Feathery, silvery, plumes from August to December. Sharp edged green and gold striped grass like leaves. Height 90 to 120cm. Spread 60 to 90cm.

C. selloana 'Sunningdale Silver' Feathery, silvery, plumes from August to December. Sharp edged mid green grass like leaves. Height 240 to 300cm. Spread 120 to 150cm

DESCHAMPSIA *Moist acid soil in a sunny site.*

D. caespitosa 'Bronzeschleier' In summer produces dainty, open panicles of minute, pale brown spikelets that last well into winter. Dark green, rough edged, narrow leaves. Height about 120cm. Spread 25 to 30cm.

D. caespitosa 'Goldtau' Silver-purple flowers turn to gold in late summer. Dark green, rough edged, narrow leaves. Height about 80cm. Spread 25 to 30 cm.

D. flexuosa 'Tatra Gold' Dense tussock of thin golden leaves above which rise the plumes of flowers then seed heads, June onwards. Height 30 to 60cm. Spread 30 to 45cm.

ELYMUS *Well drained, even poor soils in full sun.*

E. hispidus (Was *Elymus glauca*) Wheat like spikes in July and August. Blue-grey leaves. Height 120cm. Spread 90cm. Can be invasive so needs plenty of space.

FESTUCA *Best in full sun and a well drained soil.*

F. amethystine Tufts of glaucous, bristle like leaves. Dark violet flower spikes in May and June. Height and Spread 25cm.

F. eskia Evergreen, tuft forming, perennial grass. Has narrow leaves of dark green. Bears insignificant creamy flower heads in summer. Height and Spread 25cm.

F. gautieri (Was *F. scoparia*) Tufts of bright green leaves. Dark violet flower spikes in May and June. Height 15cm. Spread 25cm. Sun or part leaves.

F. glauca Evergreen, tuft forming, perennial grass. Has narrow leaves of greyish green. Bears insignificant creamy flower heads in summer. Height and Spread 25cm.

F. glauca 'Blaufuchs' Evergreen, tuft forming, perennial grass. Has narrow leaves of very blue grey. Bears insignificant creamy flower heads in summer. Height and Spread 25cm.

F. glauca 'Elijah Blue' Evergreen, tuft forming, perennial grass. Has narrow leaves of very blue grey. Bears insignificant creamy flower heads in summer. Height and Spread 25cm.

F. glauca 'Golden Toupee' Evergreen, tuft forming, perennial grass. Has narrow light golden leaves. Height and Spread 12 to 15cm.

GLYCERIA *Requires full sun and most soils*

G. maxima 'Variegata' Creamy white seed heads. Cream striped, green, leaves, often tinged pink at the base. Height 60cm. Spread indefinite, slightly less so in dry soils.

HAKONECHLOA *Best in a humus rich, moist, soil in sun.*

H. macra 'Aureola' Purple stems and green striped, yellow, leaves that age to reddish brown. Open panicles of reddish brown flower spikes may appear in autumn. Height 25cm. Spread 45cm.

HELICTOTRICHON *Well drained soil in full sun.*

H. sempervirens (Was known as *Avena candida*) Pale grey oat like flower heads above narrow, stiff, steel blue leaves. Height flower heads reach 120cm. Spread 30cm.

HOLCUS *Well drained soil in full sun.*

H. mollis 'Albo-variegatus' Creamy white flowers. Low growing, silver grey variegated leaves. Height 25cm. Spread 60cm. Can be invasive.

IMPERATA *Well drained, moist soil in sun or part shade.*

I. cylindrica 'Rubra' (Red Baron) Attractive grass with red-purple leaves. Height about 40cm. Spread 30cm.

LUZULA *Moist, well drained soil in sun or part shade.*

L. sylvatica Fresh green leaves, evergreen. 'Flowers' from April to June. Height 40cm. Spread 60cm.

L. sylvatica 'Marginata' Green leaves edged yellow, evergreen. 'Flowers' from April to June. Height 40cm. Spread 60cm.

MILLIUM *Best in partial shade in a well drained moist soil.*

M. effusum 'Aureum' Small golden seed heads. Soft yellow arching leaves. Height 60cm. Spread 30cm.

MISCANTHUS *Requires full sun and a moist or dry soil.*

M. sinensis var. *con.* 'Cosmopolitan' Silvery plumes, September to November. Broad green leaves, margined creamy-white. Height 120 to 200cm. Spread 60cm.

M. sinensis 'Gracillimus' Fan shaped, brownish plumes in August and September. Grey-green, narrow leaves. Height 150cm. Spread 60cm.

M. sinensis 'Graziella' Pink flowers turn silver in August and September, often lasting a lot longer. Narrow green leaves. Height 200cm. Spread 60cm.

M. sinensis 'Kleine Silberspinne' Silvery pink plumes, September to November. Grey-green, narrow leaves. Height 140cm. Spread 60cm.

M. sinensis 'Morning Light' Silvery plumes, September to November. Thin green leaves, margined creamy-white. Height 120 to 200cm. Spread 60cm.

M. sinensis 'Variegata' Grey-green leaves, heavily striped with cream. Rarely flowers. Height 1.5 metres. Spread 60cm.

M. sinensis 'Zebrinus' Green leaves, have transverse, yellowish white markings. May carry fan shaped panicles of seed heads in autumn. Height 1.2 metres. Spread 45cm.

MOLINIA *Moist soil in sun or part shade.*

M. caerulea ssp. *arundinacea* (Was known as *M.c. altissima*) Purple arching plumes in October and November. Narrow mid green leaves. Height 120cm. Spread 60cm.

M. caerulea ssp. *caerulea* 'Edith Dudsus' Dark, narrow panicles of flowers through autumn and late winter. Narrow mid green leaves. Height 100cm. Spread 60cm.

M. caerulea ssp. 'Variegata' Narrow arching green leaves conspicuously striped cream. Purplish flowers followed by creamy seed heads from August to October. Height 60cm. Spread 30cm.

PANICUM *Requires full sun or part shade and well drained soil.*

P. virgatum 'Heavy Metal' Panicle of pink 'flowers' on delicate stalks in the late summer to early autumn. Broad sage green leaves. Height about 100cm. Spread 60cm often more.

P. virgatum 'Rubrum' Panicle of numerous, brownish 'flowers' on delicate stalks in July and August. Reddish-brown tinted leaves, especially in late summer. Height up to 120cm. Spread 60cm often more.

PENNISETUM *Well drained garden soil in a sunny sheltered site.*

P. alopecuroides Feathery tawny yellow plumes in September and October. Narrow, grey green leaves, parchment coloured in winter. Height 90cm. Spread 45cm.

P. alopecuroides 'Hameln' Feathery tawny yellow plumes in August and September. Narrow, grey green leaves, parchment coloured in winter. Height 90cm. Spread 45cm.

P. orientale Feathery soft mauve-grey flower spikes in July to September. Narrow, light green leaves. Height 45cm. Spread 45cm.

PHALARIS *Well drained moist soil in sun or part shade*

P. arundinacea 'Picta' Insignificant spikes of flower. Broad, white and green striped leaves. Height 60 to 100cm. Spread 90cm to indefinite.

SPARTINA *Requires full sun and moist soil.*

S. pectinata '*Aureo Marginata*' Narrow green flower spikes in September and October. Green, yellow striped, arching leaves. Height 150cm. Spread 90cm, often more.

STIPA *Well drained soil in full sun.*

S. arundinacea Pendant panicles of long purplish spikelets. Leathery, dark green, leaves, streaked orange-brown in winter, evergreen. Height 100cm. Spread 120cm. Will tolerate part shade.

S. calamagrostis (also known as *Achnatherum brachytrichum*) Arching long dense feathery plumes start green and turn golden-brown by autumn. Green leaves. Height 90cm. Spread 90cm.

S. gigantea Huge heads of Oat-like flowers of golden harvest yellow, July onwards. Thin green leaves. Height 120cm. Spread 60cm.

S. tenuifolia Fluffy plumes in June and gradually turning from beige to white. Narrow green leaves. Height 40cm. Spread 25cm.

S. tenuissima Fluffy plumes in June and gradually turning from beige to white. Narrow green leaves. Height 60cm. Spread 25cm.

UNCINIA *Full sun or part shade in a well-drained soil*

U. rubra A distinctive clump forming grass of rich mahogany-red. Height 20cm. Spread 30cm.