



Liriope spicata



**Liriope muscari 'Monroe White'**

Lilyturf

Liriope grows best in acid soil in partial to full shade, which protects it from sun damage in both summer and winter. It is heat tolerant, resistant to pests and diseases, handles dry shade, and is evergreen. 'Monroe White' has spikes of white flowers in September, followed by the black berries above grassy green 12" foliage.

Plant 18" apart.

Zones 4 - 10



**Liriope muscari 'Big Blue'**

Lilyturf

This is the truest form of big blue liriope. Consistent and uniform in size and color, it is the preferred liriope for landscaping projects that count. This hardy clump grower has arching, shiny green foliage 12" tall. Beautiful lilac blue flowers in the summer, followed by shiny black berries in the fall. Cut back the old foliage in early spring.

Plant 18" apart.

Zones 4 - 10



**Liriope muscari 'Royal Purple'**

Lilyturf

This clump grower has a wider leaf blade than 'Big Blue' and produces deep purple flowers in late summer that reach 6-8" tall. Try in the border with Hosta 'Elegans' and Veronica 'Royal Candles' or plant in mass as a ground cover. Height is 12 - 15".

Plant 9-12" apart.

Zones 5 - 10



**Liriope muscari 'Variegata'**

Variegated Lilyturf

Variegata Liriope has the same excellent qualities as the solid green Liriope, but with the brightening effect of the yellow and green striped grass-like foliage. Its lilac purple flowers are striking in July and August. It also reaches 12" in height and its tufts make a classic ground cover.

Plant 18" apart.

Zones 4 - 10



**Liriope spicata**

Creeping Lilyturf

Perhaps the hardiest species of Liriope, spicata has pale lavender flower spikes in July-August close to the 12" grassy green foliage. Spicata quickly forms a thick mat of evergreen foliage and is known to withstand colder temperatures than other Liriopes although its flowers are just a bit smaller and not as showy. A mowing or trim in early spring will encourage growth.

Plant 18" apart.

Zones 5 - 10



**Liriope spicata 'Silver Dragon'**

Variegated Creeping Lilyturf

The 1/4 " wide leaf blades have silver and white stripes and is a brighter alternative to green Liriope. Pale lavender flower spikes arrive in late summer followed by blackish berries in the fall. 'Silver Dragon' has moderate growth rate. Grows to 12-15" tall.

Plant 12" apart.

Zones 5 - 10



Liriope 'Big Blue'





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**Miscanthus 'Purpurascens'**  
Red-leaved Miscanthus



If you think your garden looks tired and boring after a long, hot summer, give purpurascens a try. Green, with a strong vertical growth habit all growing season, it produces a magenta-colored bloom that turns to white in September. Best of all, the leaves turn intensely orange-red in August. In the middle of the border, it will also help ease the transition from one color or texture to another. Grows 4-5'.  
Plant 36 - 48" apart.

Zones 5 - 9  



**Miscanthus sinensis 'Adagio'**  
Adagio Grass

The narrow, silvery-gray leaves on this 3' grass make for a sturdy, arching form that is as lovely in the dead of winter as at the height of summer. The pink inflorescence turns gradually white in the fall as do many of the Miscanthus grasses. It is another very hardy grower that forms quickly into a thick graceful clump of moderate size.  
Plant 36 - 48" apart.

Zones 6 - 9  



**Miscanthus sinensis 'Cabaret'**  
Cabaret Grass

'Cabaret' has broad, green leaves with wide, cream-colored stripes and a decidedly upright growth habit. It reaches 6-7', and has a lush appearance, most welcome in the searing days of late summer.  
Plant 36 - 48" apart.

Zones 5 - 9  



**Miscanthus sinensis 'Cosmopolitan'**  
Cosmopolitan Grass

One of the best variegated grasses, 'Cosmopolitan' has very broad, green leaves with white margins. Statuesque at 6-8', it blooms silver in September and has a good, non-floppy habit.  
Plant 36 - 48" apart.

Zones 5 - 9  



**Miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus'**  
Maiden Grass

'Gracillimus' has slender, arching, dark green foliage that forms an expanding clumped base to serve equally as a lovely screen or elegant hedge, or as a lush backdrop for the rest of the garden. It blooms red in September and October to a height of 6-7'.  
Plant 36 - 48" apart.

Zones 5 - 9  



**Miscanthus sinensis 'Little Zebra'**  
Dwarf Maiden Grass

A dwarf selection of zebra grass that has an excellent compact habit with yellow banding that holds up well through the season. It is much more resistant to rust spots than Miscanthus 'Strictus' or 'Zebrinus'. Grows 3-4' tall and in late summer lovely reddish purple plumes emerge, later changing to a creamy tan. Try it with Sedum 'Neon' and Aster 'Purple Dome'. PP#13008.  
Plant 36" apart.

Zones 4 - 9  



**Miscanthus sinensis 'Morning Light'**  
Variegated Maiden Grass

'Morning Light' is the variegated version of 'Gracillimus', but a little shorter. It is upright, blooms red in summer and has a strongly arching growth that gives it a feathery look. From a distance, it's look is light and silvery. A strong specimen plant on its own, or very striking blended with darker shades of color and foliage in the large mixed border. It grows 5-6' tall.  
Plant 36 - 48" apart.

Zones 5 - 9  



**Miscanthus sinensis 'Strictus'**  
Porcupine Grass

Similar to Zebra Grass, 'Strictus' has horizontal bands of yellow on the green leaves, but its difference is that it grows in a more stiff, erect manner. Thus its common name, Porcupine Grass. Its leaves create a spiky effect. A favorite specimen grass, it grows to 6-8' and blooms pink in August and September.  
Plant 36 - 48" apart.

Zones 5 - 9  

Ornamental Grasses



**Molinia caerulea subsp. arundinacea 'Skyracer'**

**Tall Purple Moor Grass**

Upright and unusually tall to 8', the gray-green basal leaves reach 2-3' with the inflorescences providing the sculptural form from the time they appear in mid-summer. Prefers cool climates but will tolerate heat and humidity if kept moist. Foliage turns rich golden-yellow in fall. Plant 48" apart.

Zones 5 - 8



**Muhlenbergia capillaris**

**Pink Muhly Grass**

A clump forming grass with narrow, wire-like dark green foliage growing 3' tall. In mid to late August the clumps are topped with pink inflorescence, which is reminiscent of a soft mist hovering over the fine textured grass. Use in the native garden with Amsonia hubrichtii, Aster 'October Skies', Solidago 'Fireworks'. Plant 24" apart.

Zones 6 - 9

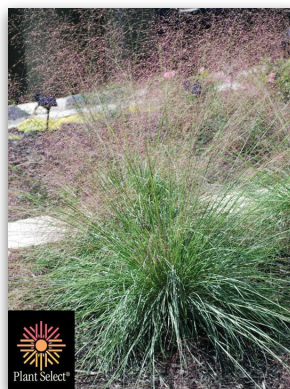


**Muhlenbergia capillaris 'White Cloud'**

**Muhly Grass**

This drought tolerant native selection deserves serious consideration as an addition to the mixed border, as a specimen or as a foundation planting. Billowing plumes of white form a cloud-like mass above stiff, narrow upright foliage in early to late fall. Blue green foliage grows 3- 4' tall and prefers dryish soil. Plant 36" apart.

Zones 6 - 9



**Muhlenbergia reverchonii**

**Undaunted®**

**Ruby Muhly Grass**

A remarkable reddish-pink floral display in fall blends well with the changing colors and light in the autumn landscape. Fine-textured foliage with medium green leaves forms an arching 18" tall mound that is drought tolerant and offers more cold-tolerance than M. capillaris. Plant 24" apart.

Zones 5 - 9



**Nassella tenuissima**

**Mexican Feather Grass**

The finest wispy green blades to 18" add remarkable texture to the rock garden or perennial border. Blooms appear in June to September and foliage becomes straw-colored in fall with lasting appeal through winter. A drought tolerant and sun loving native from the southwestern U.S., provide excellent drainage and limit mulching. Plant 18" apart.

Zones 7 - 11



**Ophiopogon japonicus**

**Common Mondo**

Dark Green grass like foliage grows in clumps or mounds. Light lilac to white flowers in summer. Moderate growth rate. Taller than Nana with thin graceful leaves. Mondo Grass that forms foot-wide and 8" high mounds of straplike, 1/4" leaves. Short racemes of small white or lilac-tinged flowers in summer are followed by blue-black berries. Spacing: 4-8"

Zones 5 - 10



Ophiopogon japonicus 'Nana' at the National Arboretum.



**Ophiopogon japonicus 'Nana'**

**Dwarf Mondo Grass**

At 3", this dwarf variety of Mondo Grass has very dark green, grass-like foliage. This is a dependable performer if given the shady moisture-retentive soil it likes. A great rock garden choice as well as a shady ground cover that can be used around stepping stones or as a small area lawn. Plant 8-10" apart.

Zones 5 - 10



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**Ophiopogon planiscapus**  
**'Nigrescens'**

**Black Mondo Grass**

The unique black, grass-like leaves are a color rarity among plants. At 6", 'Ebony Knight' reminds us of Liriope with its grassy foliage. It has rather insignificant pale pink flowers in early fall followed by black berries. While slow growing, it is most frequently used as edging or as a ground cover that forms dense grass-like turf. Plant 8 - 10" apart.

Zones 6 - 10



**Panicum virgatum**

**Switchgrass**

Native switch grass is a staple of the tall grass prairie and is a necessary element of the wildflower meadow or naturalistic planting. Upright green to bluish-green foliage grows to 3-5' and turns bright yellow in fall. Beautiful when planted in mass with reddish-purple seed heads in late summer. Adaptable to a variety of soil conditions but is best suited to sandy loam. Plant 36" apart.

Zones 4 - 9



**Panicum virgatum**  
**'Cape Breeze'**

**Switchgrass**

This native switchgrass has much to offer with a compact height of only 24-30", small enough for tight spaces or containers, and foliage that stays green until the end of October. Straw-colored inflorescences appear earlier than other varieties and persist through the changing seasons adding a wispy dimension to the arching foliage. Plant 24" apart.

Zones 4 - 9



**Panicum virgatum**  
**'Heavy Metal'**

**Blue Switchgrass**

'Heavy Metal' achieves the open, airy look characteristic of Switchgrass, but it manages to be stiff and upright in habit with sensational metallic-blue foliage. This native is drought-tolerant, hot and cold resistant, and never needs staking. Its seed heads float over the delicate blades in late July and August to a height of 4-5', turning tan color over winter. A great wildlife cover. Plant 36" apart.

Zones 4 - 9



**Panicum virgatum**  
**'North Wind'**

**Blue Switchgrass**

**Perennial Plant of the Year® 2014**

This switchgrass is dark green to steel blue foliage growing 4-5' with feathery panicles rising 1-2' above the foliage. It stays very upright and is a rigid clumping grass. Blooms in late summer and is fast growing. Plant 36" apart.

Zones 4 - 9



**Panicum virgatum**  
**'Prairie Dog'**

**Blue Switchgrass**

The sturdy, upright 'Prairie Dog' stands strong even when the winds come sweeping down the plains! 4' tall steel blue leaves are topped with rose-purple flowers in mid-summer. Use in the mixed border for its reliable vertical stature. PP# 32736. Plant 3' apart.

Photo courtesy of Brent Horvath of Intrinsic Perennials.

Zones 4 - 9



**Panicum virgatum**  
**'Rotstrahlbusch'**

**Red Switchgrass**

'Rotstrahlbusch' has green leaves in summer that turn burgundy-red in autumn. Its airy panicles are red-tinged in fall and grow to a height of 4 - 5'. Beautiful in the meadow garden with Heliopsis 'Summer Sun', Liatris 'Floristan White', Rudbeckia fulgida, Solidago and Aster 'Bluebird'. Plant 36" apart.

Zones 4 - 9



**Panicum virgatum**  
**'Shenandoah'**

**Red Switchgrass**

Our most popular native Switchgrass, this gorgeous Panicum has bright burgundy fall foliage. Green leaves at 2-3' tall in early summer, begin turning dark red in July, and then turn a rich burgundy in fall. Pinkish-red panicles appear in August and persist for weeks, eventually turning to a straw color. Plant 36" apart.

Zones 4 - 9 Cultivar



## Pennisetum alopecuroides

### Fountain Grass

Fountain Grasses are about as versatile as any ornamental grass. This mound grower has finely textured, arching, rich-green leaf blades with rose/coppery-tan seed plumes or "fox tails" that appear on the tufts in August to October, then last all winter, reaching a height of 3 - 4'. It is used extensively for borders, in masses, as an accent plant, or incorporated in water or poolside plantings.

Plant 24" apart.

Zones 5 - 9



## Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Cassian'

### Cassian Fountain Grass

This is a compact, strong-growing 2 - 3' tall fountain grass with green leaves that become tinged with red in the fall. Blooming from August to October, its dark brown inflorescence gradually fades to beige. Try with tall summer Phlox and Aster 'October Skies'.

Plant 24 - 30" apart.

Zones 6 - 9



## Pennisetum alopecuroides Etouffee™

### Fountain Grass

'Etouffee' is one massive fountain grass that stands 5' tall and 6' wide, with late flowering pinkish-tan plumes that fade to bronze and continue to provide interest through the winter. This sterile new variety that will not re-seed is an impressive addition to the full sun border.

Plant 6' apart.

Zones 5 - 9



## Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Hameln'

### Dwarf Fountain Grass

'Hameln' is almost identical to P. alopecuroides, but is a bit more compact, blooms a little earlier beginning in July, and is shorter in height at 18 - 24" tall. Its tassels emerge rosy and turn a coppery tan. Keep in mind that all the Fountain Grasses are tuft or mound-growers, so they are not invasive.

Plant 24" apart.

Zones 5 - 9



## Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Little Bunny'

### Fountain Grass

Who can resist finding a spot in the border, rock garden, or small garden for 'Little Bunny'? This graceful, arching little Fountain Grass is like 'Hameln' in all respects except one, it does not grow over 11", usually around 6 - 8". This is a fast grower.

Plant 12" apart.

Zones 5 - 9



## Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Moudry'

### Black Flowering Fountain Grass

Its striking, long, dark-brown, almost black, plumes emerge neatly from the arching, deep green leaf blades in September on this late blooming Fountain Grass. 'Moudry' is compact and neat at 2 - 3' and makes a good cut flower.

Plant 24" apart.

Zones 5 - 9



## Pennisetum orientale

### Oriental Fountain Grass

This Fountain Grass has fox tail-like flowers from July to October that grow to 2 - 3' in height. Its look is more delicate and open than alopecuroides or 'Hameln'. Its foliage has a gray-green appearance that blends with its lovely, pale pink, arching seed heads that turn white later in the summer.

Plant 24" apart.

Zones 5 - 9



## Pennisetum orientale 'Karley Rose'

### Oriental Pink Fountain Grass

The wider, longer, and thicker inflorescence is rich pink in color when it appears in June. Occasional trims will keep fresh blooms going into early fall. Seed heads gradually change from rosy-mauve to creamy white.

The extraordinary blooms are accompanied by darker green foliage, which is a bit more upright than the species at 2-3'.

Plant 24" apart.

Zones 5 - 9



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**Pennisetum setaceum 'Rubrum'**

**Purple-leaved Fountain Grass**

Striking maroon leaves keep their color all summer, and the 6-8" long maroon seed heads are lovely from June until frost on this 4' Fountain Grass. This is a perennial that is not hardy through our winter. Simply treat it as an annual and you won't be disappointed. **Plant 24" apart.**

Zones 8 - 10



**Pennisetum x 'First Knight'**

**Purple Fountain Grass**

Dark purple to almost black leaves are sword-shaped and grow upright in the center to 4-4.5' and are surrounded by arching leaves on the edges. Use as an accent in the border or in large containers. PP#25515 **Plant 36" apart.**

Zones 7 - 10



**Schizachyrium scoparium 'Chameleon'**

**Little Bluestem**

A new noteworthy selection with green and white striped foliage that is vigorous and compact in summer. By late summer leaves and flowering stems take on pink hues, eventually turning pinkish-purple in fall. Foliage grows 18" tall and 24-30" with blooms. PP#31339 **Plant 18" apart.**

Zones 3 - 9



**Schizachyrium scoparium 'Ha Ha Tonka'**

**Little Bluestem**

'Ha Ha Tonka' is a lovely new native cultivar with blue-green leaves adorned with fine hairs that are known to shimmer in the sunlight. The upright rigid stems display segments of reddish orange and gray for an overall stunning effect. The foliage grows 1.5' tall and 3-4' tall with blooms. A seed collection from Ha Ha Tonka State Park in Missouri is where it all began... PP#32374 **Plant 24" apart.**

Photo courtesy of Piet Oudolf. *New for 2024*

Zones 5 - 9



**Schizachyrium scoparium 'Standing Ovation'**

**Little Bluestem - Perennial Plant of the Year® 2022**

A crowd pleaser from start to finish, the bluish-green leaves and stems of 'Standing Ovation' turn to striking shades of red, orange, and purplish-brown in fall, all the while remaining sturdy and upright. In the landscape Little Bluestem is low maintenance, hardy, drought tolerant, and adds winter textural interest. Grows 3-4' tall. PP#25202 **Plant 24" apart.**

Zones 3 - 9



**Sesleria autumnalis**

**Autumn Moor Grass**

A cool-season grass from the mountainous regions of Italy and Albania, fine-textured upright yellowish-green foliage grows in a tuft to 8-12". Fall blooming moor grass produces silvery-white inflorescence above the golden yellow fall-colored foliage. Provides a striking texture in the landscape. **Plant 18" apart.**

Zones 5 - 9



**Sorghastrum nutans**

**Indian grass**

Indian grass was a predominate member of the tallgrass prairie and is useful today in prairie restorations, wildflower gardens, and naturalized areas. 1/2" wide leaf blades of bluish green to completely green in the eastern part of its native range grow to 3-5'. Copper-colored flower spikes reach 7' in late summer. Glowing fall foliage of yellow to bright orange is striking when planted in mass. **Plant 30" apart.**

Zones 4 - 9



**Sporobolus heterolepis**

**Prairie Dropseed**

This native prairie grass is a graceful fountain of tufted fine textured, emerald green leaves growing 18" in height. Airy panicles with pinkish to tan seed heads rise above the foliage in summer to a height of 3'. By late summer to fall the foliage takes on golden orange highlights. Often used in mass plantings where the undulating appearance of multiple clumps create an amazing visual texture. **Plant 24" apart.**

Zones 5 - 9