

# Hardy Ornamental Grasses 2010



Karl Foerster

**Calamagrostis x 'Karl Foerster' - Feather Reed Grass**

Upright, with stiffly held pinkish flowers in July that gradually turn beige by August. Well behaved clumps grow to 4 feet. 'Overdam' is a variegated variety. 'Korean Feather'- Creamy white to reddish plumes in Sept. 'Avalanche'- Green with white stripe down center 4-5'x2-3'



Avalanche

**Chasmanthium latifolium - Northern Sea Oats**

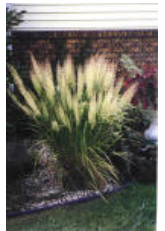
Native, wide-bladed grass with unusual and attractive seed heads in early summer. Shade tolerant. Grows to 3 feet. 'River Mist' variegated Sea Oats 30-36" tall x 24-36" wide



Northern Sea Oats

**Deschampia – Tufted Hairgrass**

Mounded form with flowers making fine textured 'hair'. Takes shade well. 3'high. 'Northern Lights'- creamy white stripes on foliage



Korean Feather

**Erianthus ravennae – Hardy Pampas Grass**

Showy, 2' long silvery-white plumes have good fall color, clumping habit, fast growing. Up to 8-10' tall Not always happy through Wisconsin winters!



River Mist Sea Oats

**Festuca ovina 'Elijah Blue' - Blue Fescue**

Small, dense, finely textured mound of grass with silvery blue color. Prefers full sun and dry soil. Grows 8-10 inches tall. Usually not long lived. 'Boulder Blue'- metallic blue foliage



Tufted Hair Grass

**Hakonechloa macro 'Aureola'- Golden Jap. Forest Grass**

Graceful, colorful groundcover for shady areas, bright yellow foliage, great in containers. Plant in part sun, spreading and clumping to 18" tall and wide.

'All Gold'- More upright & spiky, bright gold color  
'Naomi' - Creamy yellow & green variegated leaves turn reddish-purple in fall



Hardy Pampas



All Gold Forest Grass

Golden Forest Grass



Naomi Forest Grass



Elijah Blue



Blue Oat

**Helictitrichon sempervirens - Blue Oat Grass**

Larger than Blue Fescue, more tolerant of clay.  
Grows to 2-3 feet.



Big Twister Swamp

**Juncus effuses 'Big Twister'- Big Twister Swamp Grass**

Clumping and spiraling from 18" to 24" tall. Glossy dark green foliage. Hardy to -10.



Purple Silver

**Miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus' - Maiden Grass**

Upright to 4-7'. Silvery white plumes in late summer.

**Miscanthus sinensis 'Stricta' - Porcupine Grass**

Tall clump grass with yellow bands on the leaves. Silvery plumes are sometimes produced in autumn. Grows to 6 feet.



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Porcupine

**Miscanthus sinensis purpurascens - Purple Silver Grass**

Tall clump grass with foliage turning purple-red during summer. White plumes in autumn. Grows to 4-5 feet.

**Miscanthus sinensis 'Silberfeder' - Silver Feather Grass**

Tall, erect clump grass with large white plumes in late summer and autumn. Often called (incorrectly) "pampas grass". Grows to 6-8 feet.



Silver Feather

**'Adiago- Dwarf Maiden Grass** Silvery white plumes.

Golden bronze autumn foliage. 3-4' tall & wide

**'Autumn Red'**- 3-4' tall by 18-24" wide, red-purple foliage in fall

**'Cosmopolitan'**- Variegated foliage. 5-7' tall

**'Gold Bar'**- Heavily gold-striped. Upright growth.

**'Huron Sunrise'**- 5-6' by 2-3' very full burgundy plumes in mid to late summer

**'Variegatus'**- Silvery white variegated leaves. 5-6' tall



Cosmopolitan

**Molinia 'Sky Racer'**- 6-8' tall. Rounded and airy. Purplish plumes.

**Panicum virgatum - Switchgrass**

Native species. Very fine textured flowers in summer, good fall color.

**'Cheyenne Sky'**- Tight vase shape. Wine red foliage in mid summer. Grows only 2-3' tall

**'Cloud Nine'**- Very upright, silvery blue foliage. 5-7' tall

**'Northwind'**- Steel blue, upright foliage. 5-6' by 2-3'

**'Shenandoah'**- Green leaves in spring to dark red by August

**'Ruby Ribbons'**- 3-4' tall by 2-3' wide Wine red late summer



Dwarf Maiden

**Pennisetum 'Hameln' - Hameln Dwarf Fountain Grass**

Dwarf mounded form with foxtail type flowers. Grows to 2'.

**'Little Bunny'**- 8-10" tall by 12-24" wide



Huron Sunrise



Hameln



Little Bunny



Ruby Ribbons



Northwind



Cheyenne Sky



Shenandoah



Little Bluestem  
'Blaze'

Phalaris '**Strawberry n Cream**' Ribbon Grass  
Variegated foliage fades to pink. 2-3' tall



Strawberry n Cream  
Ribbon Grass

Schizachyrium scoparium '**Blaze**' Little Bluestem  
Red to orange fall color. 2-4' tall.  
'**The Blues**'- Incredible blue foliage. 2-3' tall

Sesleria autumnalis- **Autumn Moor Grass**  
Bright green foliage. Up to 1' tall



Dropseed

Sporobolus - **Prairie Dropseed**  
Native. Fine textured foliage. 2-3' tall  
Native species. Beautiful fine texture with airy flowers.  
Grows to 3'.

**Grasses in the Garden**



**Grasses can also add winter interest!**



**Grasses can be put in decorative pots.**  
Keep in mind they will most likely not survive a WI winter in pots.



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