

GRASSES

ADAGIO

(LATIN: *MISCANTHUS SINENSIS*) Compact clump-forming grass with slender silvery foliage that becomes orange, gold and burgundy in fall. Flowers emerge pink in summer, changing to a silvery white. This vigorous grower reaches a **height of 4 to 5 feet and a width of 3 feet**. Full sun Zone 6



BLUESTEM, BLAZE

(LATIN: *SCHIZACHYRIUM SCOPARIUM*) A little bluestem cultivar that is noted for its vivid red fall foliage. It typically grows in an erect, broom-like clump to **2-3' tall**. Slender, flat, linear leaves emerge light blue in spring, darken to gray-green in summer, and acquire purple highlights in late summer before exploding into a blaze of fall color consisting of intense shades of pinkish-orange to reddish-purple to vivid red. Full sun Zone 3



BLUESTEM, BLUE HEAVEN

(LATIN: *SCHIZACHYRIUM SCOPARIUM*) A little bluestem cultivar that is noted for its blue-gray foliage, burgundy-red fall color and narrow upright plant form. It typically **grows in a clump to 2-4' tall**. Erect, broom-like clumps of slender leaves emerge light blue in spring, darken to blue-gray in summer, acquire purple highlights in late summer before turning burgundy red with pink and purple tones in fall. Full sun Zone 3



BLUESTEM, SMOKE SIGNAL

(LATIN: *SCHIZACHYRIUM SCOPARIUM*) Smoke Signal is an upright, tidy grower which produces a stand of blue-green foliage that shades to red in late summer, then to reddish purple in the fall. Small, wheat-colored seed heads adorn the stems in autumn. **Grows 3-4 ft. in height.** Sun Zone 3



CAREX, EVERILLO

(LATIN: *CAREX OSHIMENSIS*) This grass forms a cascading mound of bright, lime-green leaves that turn yellow-gold as they mature. Outstanding color and considered by some to be one of the best ornamental grass. **Grows 1' tall x 2' wide.** Clumps may be divided in early spring. Tolerates dry shade with occasional watering. Evergreen. Shade or part shade Zone 5



CAREX, EVERSHEEN

(LATIN: *CAREX OSHIMENSIS*) 'Eversheen' is the smallest growing of the new Carex selection with a darker yellow central stripe instead of creamy white. Like the other Carex selections, expect a **10" tall and 2' wide** evergreen, weeping clump...a great combination with variegated hostas and ferns. Part sun to light shade. Zone 5



CAREX, ICE DANCE

(LATIN: CAREX MORROWII) 'Ice Dance' is a dense, spreading sedge rising to 12" tall which is grown for its foliage effect. Features grass-like, stiff leaves (which are dark green in the center with clean white borders. Brownish flowers in late spring are insignificant. Shade to part shade
Zone 5



CHEYENNE SKY

(LATIN: PANICUM VIRGATUM) Forms a dense, upright clump of blue-green leaves that turn wine red in early summer. Purple flower panicles appear just above the foliage in late summer. This petite red grass is ideal for containers. **30 - 36 Inches in height.** Sun Zone 4



CLOUD NINE

(LATIN: MISCANTHUS SINENSIS) This ornamental switch grass cultivar is reportedly the tallest of the switch grasses, typically **growing 5-7' tall.** It forms a narrow, erect clump of light metallic blue foliage (to 6') which is topped in summer by finely-textured, golden flower panicles which hover over the foliage like an airy cloud. Full sun Zone 5-9



DIXIELAND

(LATIN: *MISCANTHUS SINENSIS*) A densely-tufted, dwarf grass which typically forms a foliage clump rising **3-4' tall and wide** with arching, variegated green leaves with white stripes. Tiny reddish-tinged flowers in tassel-like inflorescences appear in late summer, maturing to silvery white plumes. Full sun to part shade Zone 6



HAMLEN DWARF

(LATIN: *PENNISETUM ALOPECUROIDES*) Dwarf Fountain Grass offers arching, deep green foliage in a compact growth habit. This variety has leaves that are deep green in summer, changing to orange-bronze in fall and eventually will turn to beige in late fall. Silvery to pinkish-white, wheat-like tufts arch outward from the clump in late summer. This grass **grows up to 18-24 inches tall and 20-24 inches wide**. Full sun Zone 5-8



HOT ROD

(LATIN: *PANICUM VIRGATUM*) A compact, drought and salt tolerant, clumping grass with excellent vertical form. Blue-green foliage during the growing season turns a deep burgundy in summer. Airy purple flower panicles produce showy seed heads that provide winter interest. A haven for wintering songbirds. Moderate grower; 3-4' tall and 2' wide. Sun to part sun Zone 4-9



KARL FORESTER

(LATIN: CALAMAGROSTIS ACUTIFLORA) Karl Foerster is a hybrid feather reed grass cultivar which is valued for its early bloom, vertical lines and ability to grow in wet soils. It is a slowly-spreading, clump-forming, cool season ornamental grass which features an erect, slightly arching, slender clump of narrow, stiff, rich green leaves **growing to 3' tall and 2' wide**. Leaves produce little fall color. Full sun Zone 5-9



LITTLE BLUESTEM

(LATIN: SCHIZACHYRIUM SCOPARIUM) Little bluestem is a tidy, finely textured clumping grass with a blue-green summer color. Its silvery seed heads rise to a height of nearly **2 feet tall** in late summer and are at their best when backlit in the morning or afternoon sun. In fall, the grass turns a rosy rust color that lasts all winter. Full sun Zone 4-9



MAIDEN

(LATIN: MISCANTHUS SINENSIS) A tall, graceful, clumping Ornamental Grass growing **4 to 6 feet tall and 3 to 6 feet wide, up to 8 to 10 feet tall when in flower**. The slender, weeping leaves are silvery-green and turn golden bronze in fall. The flowers are white fan-shaped plumes in fall that extend above the foliage. Full Sun. Zone 5



MORNING LIGHT

(LATIN: *MISCANTHUS SINENSIS*) A grass cultivar that is noted for its very narrow green leaves with white variegation on the margins. Foliage has an overall silvery appearance. Typically forms an upright, rounded clump of foliage **growing 4-6' tall and 2 ½ - 4 wide**. Tiny reddish-copper flowers appear in long tassel-like inflorescences above the foliage in mid to late September, gradually turning into silvery white plumes as the seeds mature. Full sun to part shade Zone 5



PRAIRIE DROPSEED

(LATIN: *SPOROBOLUS HETEROLEPIS*) A magnificent fountain of fine-textured, emerald-green leaves, add a touch of elegance to any planting. The seed head has a fragrance, often described as resembling a combination of fresh popcorn and cilantro. **Grows 2 to 4 feet tall and wide.** Full sun. Zone 4



LIRIOPE, BIG BLUE

(LATIN: *LIRIOPE MUSCARI*) Grass-like perennial reaching **12 to 18 inches tall and wide**, forming a clump of strap-shaped dark green leaves. Lilac buds and flower spikes appear in late summer, followed by black berries. Excellent groundcover or border plant. Sun to shade. Zone 6



LIRIOPE, SPICATA

(LATIN: *DISTICHLIS SPICATA*) This Liriope species is a grass-like perennial which forms a clump of narrow, arching, glossy, dark green leaves typically **growing 9-15" high**. Erect flower spikes with pale lavender to

white flowers arise, somewhat hidden, among the leaves in late summer. Flowers often give way to blackish berries in fall. Easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Zone 4



LIRIOPE, VARIGATED

(LATIN: LIRIOPE MUSCARI VARIGATA) Green and white striped grass-like leaves make a colorful border or highlight a group planting. Deep purple flowers on tall stems bloom in late summer and are intensified by the variegated leaves. **Grows 6 to 12 inches tall and 8 to 12 inches wide.** Sun to shade. Zone 6



RIVER OATS

(LATIN: CHASMANTHIUM LATIFLORIUM) This clump-forming, upright, ornamental grass is a Missouri native plant which typically **grows 2-5' feet tall**. Known for its hanging seed heads that emerge green and turn purplish bronze by late summer. Excellent for dried flower arrangements. Easily grown in average, medium to wet, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Zone 3-8



SHENANDOAH

(LATIN: *PANICUM VIRGATUM*) Excellent selection of bright red Switch Grass, foliage and blooms begin to color up by early summer. A good substitute for Japanese Blood Grass. Has an average height and width of 2 to 3 ft. or 4 ft. tall in bloom. Full sun. Zone 4

