

ORNAMENTAL GRASS:

Bouteloua curtipendula to Carex amphibola

Bouteloua

Bouteloua curtipendula *Side Oats Gramma*

H: 24-30" W: 24-30" Zones: 4-9



Bouteloua gracilis 'Blonde Ambition'

Bouteloua gracilis Blonde Ambition *Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass*

NEW! 'Blond Ambition' has a unique, flag-like flower, unlike any other. A profusion of chartreuse blooms appear in mid-summer attracting butterflies. As the flowers mature they take on a blond color, quite nice in floral arrangements. Ground feeding birds enjoy the seed in autumn. Easy to grow, deer and drought tolerant, a low maintenance gem. American Beauties Native Plants®.

H: 30-36" W: 30-36" Zones: 4-9



Calamagrostis a. 'Avalanche'

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Calamagrostis a. Avalanche *Avalanche Feather Reed Grass*

'Avalanche' brings the same narrow, upright form to the garden and the same profuse, pluming flower in early to mid-July as 'Karl Foerster', but it also brings something completely new... variegated foliage! That's right, deep green foliage carries a wide band of white down the middle of the blade bringing even more interest to an already superb grass. Like 'Karl Foerster', plant it in groups and watch the landscape come alive with great color, form, and texture!

H: 4-5" W: 18-24" Zones: 4-8

Calamagrostis a. Karl Foerster *Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass*

The only grass to have ever been voted Perennial Plant of the Year. Why? This outstanding selection of Feather Reed Grass stands a slender 4-5_ tall and adds a wonderful vertical element to the garden. One of the first ornamental grasses to flower, its June blooms fade to a tawny brown and are attractive through late winter. Mass planting are visually demanding and the specimen planting works well also. A must for the small garden. 2001 PPA Perennial Plant of the Year.

H: 4-6" W: 18-24" Zones: 4-8



Calamagrostis a. 'Karl Foerster'

Carex

Carex 'Ribbon Falls' *Ribbon Falls Sedge*

      H: 15-18" W: 15-18" Zones: 5-9

Carex amphibola *Creek sedge*

NEW! This native plant offers a shiny evergreen sedge that forms a gracefull, fountain-like mound. It is perfect for shadier spots in the garden, woodland gardens or along a path. It is deer resistant, attracts butterflies, and also has seeds enjoyed by turtles. American Beauties Native Plants®.

     H: 8-12" W:

8-12" Zones: 3-9



ORNAMENTAL GRASS:

Carex eburnea to *Carex vulpinoidea*



Carex eburnea *Bristleleaf Sedge*

NEW!



H: 6-8" W: 6-8" Zones: 2-8



Carex flacca '**Blue Zinger**' *Blue Zinger Sedge*

NEW!



H: 12-15" W: 12-15" Zones: 5-8

Carex morowii **Ice Dance** *Ice Dance Variegated Japanese Sedge Grass*

At first appearance this grass looks great, but maybe a little too delicate for your landscape situation. Looks can be deceiving because its delicate appearance belies the fact that 'Ice Dance' is a tough, colorful, all-purpose, all exposure grass that demands a home in your garden. Half inch wide, deep green blades are brightly bordered in pure white and form a dense, spreading, rounded clump that is neat and well kept. Carex are native to shaded woodland areas so 'Ice Dance' performs well in shade but also thrives in partial shade or sun. Delicate brown flower tassels rise above the foliage in mid-spring adding even a little more to a plant that deserves a lot of garden play.



H: 10-12" W: 12-15" Zones: 5-8

Carex morowii **Silver Sceptre** *Silver Sceptre Sedge*

Crisp white variegation sets this Carex apart. Leaves are narrow and have a tight, clumping form with a clean landscape appearance. Nice and bright, overall silvery effect for an otherwise shady location. Great liriopie substitute for Northern climate.



Zones: 5-8



Carex morowii **Evergold** *Evergold Variegated Japanese Sedge*

While not having a significant flower, the bold yellow variegation makes this grass outstanding. Does well in the shade, a rarity among ornamental grasses. Blooms in July.



H: 12-18" W: 12-15" Zones: 5-8



Carex oshimensis '**Feather Falls**' *Feather Falls Sedge*



H: 12-18" W: 12-18" Zones: 5-9

Carex vulpinoidea *Fox Sedge*

NEW! This beautiful sedge is one of the most widespread species of carex in North America. The common name comes from the seed heads that mature in late summer and resemble foxtails. The arching, glossy foliage is especially attractive grown in large groups. They are perfect for moist soil, erosion control and rain gardens. Birds will eat the seed but deer tend not to eat this plant. They are even resistant to black walnuts. American Beauties Native Plants®.



H: 12-36" W: 6-24" Zones: 3-7



ORNAMENTAL GRASS:

Deschampsia caespitosa to *Hakonechloa macra*

Deschampsia

Deschampsia caespitosa Tufted Hair Grass

Tufted Hair Grass forms a tight clump of super thin, arching, dark green blades of grass that provide great texture in the landscape. Delicate plumes of flowers float over the dense tussocks with airy panicles that are tiny but lovely and range in color from gold, to silver, to green and even to purple. Birds love the seeds from these panicles in the fall and the yellowish tan seed heads offer winter interest that is subtle but welcome. This selection loves the semi-shaded garden and is perfect to interplant with Ferns or Hostas to add interesting texture and different form. It is also one of the best grasses to grow along stream beds or to mix in between rocks in a rock garden. Tufted Hair Grass is a true mutli use grass that is as easy to grow and as pest free as any Grass you can put in your garden!

H: 2-3' W: 1-2' Zones: 4-8

Deschampsia cesp. Pixie Fountain Dwarf Tufted Hair Grass

A showy, fine-textured, evergreen grass excellent in shady gardens or woodland settings, it forms a tight clump of narrow foliage that is petite in size but still has the same plume of seeds in late summer that birds love. Perfect for small areas and containers, it is easy to grow and maintain.

H: 20-24" W: 18-20" Zones: 2-8



Deschampsia cesp. 'Pixie Fountain'



Dryopteris wallichiana 'Jurassic Gold'

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Dryopteris wallichiana 'Jurassic Gold' PPAF Jurassic Gold Wood Fern

NEW!



H: 20-24" W: 16-18" Zones: 5-9

Eragrostis

Eragrostis spectabilis Purple Lovegrass

Light green foliage forms a loose, open mound in the landscape that gives rise to tall, thin flowers stalks in August bearing a fine textured cloud of pinkish seed heads that put on quite a show. Even the foliage turns a bronzy red as the season cools. It thrives in sandy soils and is easy to grow. Irresistible texture for the late summer garden American Beauties Native Plants®.



H: 18-24" W: 24-36" Zones: 2-8



Festuca 'Beyond Blue'

Festuca

Festuca Beyond Blue™ PP23,307 *Beyond Blue™*

NEW! You'll fall in love with the bright blue foliage of this impressive new fescue! The unique evergreen foliage stays bright for year long interest . Use as a striking specimen, massed in the landscape, borders or mixed container plantings. Wheat colored flowers extend above the tidy mounds of powder blue blades in late spring and summer. Drought tolerant once established. Deer resistant.



H: 10-12" W: 15-18" Zones: 4-8



Festuca cinerica 'Elijah Blue'

Festuca cinerica *Elijah Blue* *Elijah Blue Fescue*

A small, mounding grass best used in groups and masses. 'Elijah Blue' is a much improved variety with an even better blue foliage. A good grass for winter interest. Blooms in June and July.



H: 6-10" W: 6-10" Zones: 4-8



Hakonechloa macra

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H: 15-18" W: 15-18" Zones: 5-8

ORNAMENTAL GRASS:

Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola' to *Miscanthus floridulus*



Helictotrichon sempervirens

Hakonechloa macra Aureola *Golden Variegated Hakone Grass*

There is no ornamental grass quite like *Hakonechloa* with striking color and an arching form that resembles a cascading miniature bamboo. Named the Perennial Plant Association's 2009 Perennial Plant of the Year because of its many uses in the garden as a groundcover, a border-front specimen, a mass planting or in a container, its bright yellow leaves with very thin green striping brightens up the darkest garden area while its cascading form responds to slight breezes with the blades moving like waves in the ocean. 'Aureola' slowly spreads by stolons and is not a threat to other garden companions with its slow spreading nature and it complements other plants in the garden well especially those with dark foliage. This stunning grass loves partial shade which will provide optimum conditions for the best color especially in warmer climates and moist, well drained soils that are protected against drought. In the cooler days of autumn the golden foliage becomes tinged with shades of pink and red to add even more adventure to your landscape!

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Helictotrichon

Helictotrichon sempervirens *Blue Oat Grass*

NEW! Popular grass with arching tan flower spikes above domes of blue foliage. Excellent for mass plantings, borders, containers or accent.

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Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola'

Juncus

Juncus effusus 'Big Twister' *Big Twister Giant Corkscrew Rush*

NEW! A clump-forming, wetland plant with large, twisted reeds of deep green spirals. An excellent accent in a container or water garden. Inconspicuous golden flowers appear atop the stems in summer. Unique form is great for rain gardens, or pond edges. Birds enjoy the seeds in the fall.

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Juncus effusus 'Big Twister'

Juncus effusus *Soft Rush*

NEW! *Juncus effusus* is a clump forming, wetland plant. Upright, fanning, deep green stems make a great accent in a container or water garden. Soft Rush can be planted at the edge of a pond or in up to 6" of standing water. Inconspicuous golden flowers appear atop the stems in summer. Native to most of North America, soft rush provides food and shelter for birds and other wildlife. American Beauties Native Plants®.

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Juncus effusus

Juncus tenuis *Poverty Rush Path Rush*

NEW! Path rush is found throughout the United States and in most of Canada. It tolerates a wide range of growing conditions but prefers moist soil. Great for rain gardens and may also be used as a groundcover for erosion control. American Beauties Native Plants®.

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Miscanthus

Miscanthus floridulus *Giant Silver Grass*

It's huge! Silver plumes bloom in September, and if you don't cut the plant until spring, you'll be rewarded with unbeatable winter interest. Use as an eye-catching specimen, or a very successful screening hedge.

H: 8-12' W: 3-5' Zones: 4-8



ORNAMENTAL GRASS:

Miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus' to Panicum virgatum 'Heavy Metal'

Miscanthus sinensis Gracillimus *Gracillimus Maiden Grass*

Forms a dense clump of gracefully arching narrow leaves. Does well in masses or as a specimen. Coppery flowers appear in October.

H: 5-7' W: 2-3' Zones: 5-8

Miscanthus sinensis Morning Light *Morning Light Japanese Silver Grass*

Narrow leaves are silver with a thin green center, a bright and stunning plant when a mature 4 fountain-like mound. Airy white flowers bloom September into October.

H: 4-5' W: 2-3' Zones: 5-8

Miscanthus sinensis Purpurescens *Red Leaved Miscanthus*

We love this grass! It's hidden talents surface in early September, when cooler weather sets in. Deep green foliage suddenly turns all shades of red, orange and purple. Tall flower spikes add to the show. A compact, very upright form suitable for small spaces or incredibly beautiful in mass.

H: 4-5' W: 2-3' Zones: 4-8

Miscanthus sinensis Rigoletto *Rigoletto Maiden Grass*

Finally!! At long last here is a dwarf form of *Miscanthus 'Variegata'* that looks showy and doesn't carry some of the baggage of the full sized plant! 'Rigoletto' is half the size of 'Variegata' and keeps a dense, full form that does not succumb to opening up in the center and toppling over, a malady that can plague 'Variegata'. Its shorter height, along with the strong, creamy white-and-green vertical variegation on narrower foliage makes 'Rigoletto' a perfect specimen for any space, large or small! It's a perfect plant for grouping for a sweep of foliage color in any sunny to partly sunny area and is extremely easy to grow, tolerating most well-drained soils.

H: 2-3' W: 2-3' Zones: 5-8

Miscanthus sinensis Strictus *Porcupine Grass*

Has the horizontal yellow bands of 'Zebrinus' in a spikier, narrower package. A great specimen for the smaller garden; it blooms in September.

H: 6-7' W: 2-3' Zones: 5-8

Miscanthus sinensis Super Stripe *PP18,161 Super Stripe Miscanthus*

Everyone who has grown Ornamental Grasses knows that Zebra and Porcupine Grasses are incredibly showy in the summer with their yellow banded foliage. 'Super Stripe' lives up to its name by "out striping" the others with enough yellow banded color to make these plants jump to the forefront in any landscape. Lush, deep green foliage slowly emerges in the spring with growth momentum and signature yellow bands emerging quicker as late spring heat builds, forming an upright, spreading mound that demands to be seen. Tall flower stalks rise 2-3' above the colorful foliage in August to reveal tawny, fine textured seed heads that dance in the wind from late August through October. 'Super Stripe' loves full sun and is an amazing sight when grouped toward the back of a planting.

H: 4-7' W: 3-4' Zones: 5-8

Panicum

Panicum virgatum 'Purple Tears' *PP28,518 Purple Tears Switchgrass*

NEW! Strongly upright growing, this selection features light green foliage topped by grey-green flowers stalks that bear stunning purple seed heads in late summer and fall. Perfect for grouping, it adds brilliant color and form to any planting. A wonderful form that is perfect for landscape grouping. Light green foliage is the perfect backdrop for stunning purple seed heads. Drought, deer and salt resistant. Tight, narrow form is unique.

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Panicum virgatum Heavy Metal *Blue Switch Grass*

One of the best upright growers in the garden with wonderful blue foliage and yellow fall color. A wonderful specimen that masses well. Blooms July through September.

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ORNAMENTAL GRASS:

Panicum virgatum 'Hot Rod' to *Pennisetum alopecuroides* 'Burgundy Bunny'



Panicum virgatum Hot Rod PPAF Hot Rod Red Switch Grass

NEW! Verticillate and clump-forming, its blue-green foliage changes to red then maroon by fall. Red seed heads add to its colorful appearance. Great foliage color and texture in the landscape. Spectacular when grouped. Light, airy seed heads are perfect for cutting.

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Panicum virgatum Northwind Northwind Switchgrass

Make a strong landscape statement with this tall, easy to grow, narrow, upright, wide bladed grass that is bound to be noticed wherever you plant it. Dark, olive-green foliage with just a hint of powdery blue add to this plant's mystique as does its ability to thrive in so many soils from poor, sandy, droughty ones to moist, well-drained fertile ones. It makes a stunning display in groups and looks even better in summer as stalks form and hold showy, upright flower panicles above the foliage for all to see, including colorful birds who look forward to the ample seed this selection provides. This plant is exclusively offered to American Beauty program buyers! American Beauties Native Plants®.

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Panicum virgatum Ruby Ribbons™ PP17,944 Ruby Ribbons™ Switch Grass

Straight from the University of Connecticut's breeding program, this exciting new Panicum will get immediate notice in the garden. Why? There is no other Panicum that turns as deeply and fantastically red as this show-stopping selection. 'Ruby Ribbons' is the result of a cross with one parent being 'Heavy Metal' so you know its summer foliage will be metallic blue with red overtones and very attractive. As the cooler weather of fall approaches, so does the red color with the foliage getting so infused with red, you might think you are looking at Pennisetum rubrum from a distance. It is incredibly darker than 'Shenandoah' and perfect for putting on a late summer and fall show of red that will have you riveted. Plant 'Ruby Ribbons' in a sunny spot in any well-drained soil and it will thrive. Plant it in groups to create colorful sweeps in the garden that will take your breath away.

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Panicum virgatum Shenandoah Shenandoah Switch Grass

Dependable and showy, this native grass will become your favorite garden chameleon as its blades emerge in spring to form a narrow, upright, steely blue-green column of foliage that begins to add a healthy dose of burgundy red as late spring progresses into summer. By late summer, its foliage is dominated by the stunning red color that is further enhanced by light, airy, small red flowers that form an attractive, airy seed head in late August. You'll love its great color, its ability to attract seed seeking birds, and your ability to succeed with it in the landscape. 'Shenandoah' is a superb plant for grouping in sunny areas and even gives the winter landscape interest with its swaying brown, dried foliage. American Beauties Native Plants®.

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Pennisetum

Pennisetum alopecuroides

H: 3-4' W: 18-24" Zones: 5-9

Pennisetum alopecuroides Burgundy Bunny Burgundy Bunny Fountain Grass

Popular, compact grass with cream-white flowers held over narrow wine-red foliage. Winter interest. Cut back in early April. Prefers a well drained soil in full sun. Divide clumps in late spring or early summer. H: 12-18" W: 12-18" Zones: 5-8

ORNAMENTAL GRASS:

Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Hameln' to *Schizachyrium scoparium* 'Prairie Blues'

***Pennisetum alopecuroides* Hameln** *Hameln Dwarf Fountain Grass*

Has all the beauty of the larger form condensed to a compact size. Wonderful for the smaller garden. Blooms August to October.

Zones: 5-8

***Pennisetum alopecuroides* Little Bunny** *Little Bunny Dwarf Fountain Grass*

A cute, cuddly little edger for the front of the border or rock garden. Use with the other fountain grasses for a cunning repetition. Blooms in August to October.

Zones: 5-8

***Pennisetum alopecuroides* Piglet** *Piglet Fountain Grass*

NEW! Cut back in early April. Prefers a well drained soil in full sun. Divide clumps in late spring or early summer.

H: 18-24" W: 18-24" Zones: 5-8

***Pennisetum orientale* Karley Rose** *Karley Rose Fountain Grass*

If you love *Pennisetum orientale* you're going to love 'Karley Rose'. This chance seedling is bigger and bolder than *P. orientale* with darker foliage, a more upright look, and wider, deeper pink inflorescences that start to show in late July and keep on wowing through the rest of the summer and fall. 'Karley Rose' is even hardier than the species meaning you can plant and admire with confidence!

H: 18-24" W: 12-18" Zones: 5-8

Schizachyrium

***Schizachyrium scop.* Prairie Winds® 'Blue Paradise'** *PPAF Blue Paradise Little Bluestem*

NEW! An upright ornamental grass that withstands adverse weather conditions. In summer, striking silvery blue stems form a columnar habit. Deep wine purple fall color. An excellent selection for mixing in a perennial border, prairie or in a more formal landscape design. Silvery blue foliage is held in a strong upright, columnar habit and in the fall the seeds attract many song birds.

H: 36-42" W: 20-24" Zones: 3-9

***Schizachyrium scop.* Twilight Zone** *PP27,432 Twilight Zone Little Bluestem*

NEW! This narrowly columnar, upright grass displays handsome blue foliage that takes on twilight shades of shimmering, silvery purple in mid-summer. Purplish flower spikes add to the color in summer and mature to tan seed heads in fall. Easy to grow. Drought resistant, deer resistant and perfect for massing in the landscape. Birds love its flowers for seed and nesting material.

H: 4-5' W: 2-3' Zones: 3-8

***Schizachyrium scoparium* 'Carousel'** *PP20,948 Carousel Little Bluestem*

It typically matures to 2-4' tall, and features upright clumps of slender, flat, linear green leaves, with each leaf having a tinge of blue at the base. Purplish-bronze flowers are followed by clusters of fluffy, silvery-white seed heads. Carousel is an ornamental grass which is good for borders, cottage gardens, wild gardens, wood margins, meadows or prairie-like settings. Group or mass. A good low-maintenance selection for sun-baked areas.

H: 2-4' W: 2-4' Zones: 3-9

***Schizachyrium scoparium* 'Prairie Blues'** *Prairie Blues Little Bluestem*

Cool gray-blue foliage and strong upright stems make 'Prairie Blues' an excellent choice for massing in sunny gardens. The stems and foliage are a songbird magnet because they are perfect for bird nesting and cover while their seeds are enjoyed by many local song birds in the fall and winter. In the fall, cool weather turns the cool blue foliage of 'Prairie Blues' a striking rosy-orange color that lights up the landscape, in fact, the foliage is so colorful, some even use it for dried flower arrangements! 'Prairie Blues' is easy to grow needing little or no maintenance to thrive and it's an excellent choice for sunny, dry, well-drained soils since it is quite drought tolerant. Its deer resistant nature makes it even more valuable.

H: 36-40" W: 18-24" Zones: 4-8



Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Hameln'



Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Little Bunny'



Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Piglet'



Pennisetum orientale 'Karley Rose'



Schizachyrium scop. Prairie Winds® 'Blue Paradise'

ORNAMENTAL GRASS:

Schizachyrium scoparium 'Standing Ovation' to *Sporobolus wrightii* 'Windbreaker'



Schizachyrium scoparium Standing Ovation *Standing Ovation Little Bluestem*

Bluish-green, upright foliage gives a sizzling display of oranges, reds, yellows and purplish-browns in the autumn. 'Standing Ovation' thrives in poor, dry soils and its seed heads are prized by native songbirds. It provides winter landscape interest and cover for birds and other native critters. American Beauties Native Plants®.

H: 3-4' W: 6-12" Zones: 3-8



Schizachyrium scoparium The Blues *Little Bluestem*

This outstanding native thrives in many landscape spots while providing food and shelter to some of our most beloved native birds. This sun lover forms clumps with loads of slender green foliage, producing a 2' mound by mid-summer. Whether in moist or dry soils this plant looks great in groups especially when seed stalks emerge in August and produce purplish-bronze flowers that provide a stunning color contrast to the foliage followed by white, fluffy seed heads that attract a raft of birds. Want more color? Take a look at this plant's bronze to orange fall foliage color that may be its most outstanding visual feature. American Beauties Native Plants®.

H: 3-5' W: 1-2' Zones: 3-8



Sporobolus

Sporobolus heterolepis *Prairie Dropseed*

This clump forming American Beauties grass is one of the signature North American native grasses and has a decidedly fine texture with very thin, deep green grass blades arching over to form a thick dense clump in the landscape. Prairie Dropseed is unique for its tremendous fall color as foliage turns golden as the weather cools with orange hues, and for its open panicle flower in shades of pink and brown that carries a striking coriander scent. Even more spectacular than this selection's color and flowering is its attractiveness to native birds. Round, tiny seeds drop from mature flowers to the base of the plant giving this sun loving, dry soil tolerating plant its interesting name and providing a bountiful food source. Use this grass singly or in large groups to great effect in your garden and for bird watching! American Beauties Native Plants®.

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Sporobolus heterolepis Tara *Dwarf Prairie Dropseed*

Narrow fine textured blades create a tight upright habit that is slightly stiffer than the species and more compact. Silvery flowers are held above the foliage in fall and droop to the ground when fat with seeds. Flowers have a pleasant scent and the plant has a striking orange-red fall color. American Beauties Native Plants®.

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Sporobolus wrightii *Windbreaker Big Sacaton*

NEW! Formerly called 'Mesa Form', this statuesque prairie dropseed comes to us from the breeding efforts at the Los Lunas Plant Materials Center in NM. Originally bred to be a wind barrier, this form has a commanding presence with its sturdy, upright habit, medium green, strap-like foliage and very showy flower spikes that appear in summer. A herbaceous alternative to expensive fencing, 'Windbreaker' is also a terrific native substitute for pampas grass. American Beauties Native Plants®.

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