

Switchgrass

This native warm season grass is one of the principal prairie grasses. It attracts butterflies, songbirds, pheasants, quail, dove, turkeys and rabbits as a food source as well as nesting and cover. Switchgrass is a larval host to the Delaware Skipper, the Dotted Skipper and other Banded Skippers. It is deer resistant, but makes a good forage crop for livestock. This grass makes an attractive ornamental in addition to its usefulness. Studies have shown that it also has potential as a biofuel. This is a tough plant that will grow in a wide range of conditions.

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UNITED STATES**



Panicum virgatum

- Hardiness: Zone 5-9
- Size: 3-7'
- Flower: 2' tall panicle mid to late summer. Dark red to purple turning to beige into winter
- Culture: Prefers full sun and moist soil. Tolerant of dry soils, part shade, wind and salt.
- Uses: Massing, screening, dried flowers, wildlife cover, forage, erosion control, birds, butterflies, biofuel.