

# Grasses For Specific Situations



Ornamental grasses contribute a unique structural element to the landscape year-round. This is a diverse group, ranging in size 12” bunchgrass types to 9’ giants. Most varieties will tolerate full sun, but a few prefer at least some shade. Remove previous season’s growth in late winter or early spring before new growth occurs to avoid squaring the tips of new growth.

## Low Borders

<u>Latin Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	Foxtail grass
<i>Anemanthele lessoniana</i>	Pheasant grass
<i>Festuca</i>	Blue fescue
<i>Helictotrichon sempervirens</i>	Blue oat grass
<i>Stipa tenuissima</i>	Mexican feather grass

## Wet Soil

<u>Latin Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>
<i>Acorus calamus</i>	Sweet flag
<i>Acorus gramineus</i>	Sweet flag
<i>Calamagrostis x acutiflora</i>	Feather reed grass
<i>Carex stricta</i>	Tussock sedge
<i>Dichromena colorata</i>	Star grass
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	Cotton grass
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Common rush
<i>Luzula sylvatica</i>	Woodrush

## Shade Grasses

<u>Latin Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>
<i>Carex elata</i> ‘Bowles Golden’	Bowles Golden Carex
<i>Carex morrowi</i> ‘Evergold’	Japanese sedge
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	Northern Sea Oats
<i>Deschampsia caespitosum</i>	Tussock grass
<i>Hakonechloa macra</i>	Japanese forest grass
<i>Liriope</i>	Lily Turf Grass
<i>Ophiopogon planiscapus</i> ‘Nigrescens’	Black Mondo Grass

## Part Sun / Part Shade

<u>Latin Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>
<i>Carex morrowi</i>	Japanese sedge
<i>Carex stricta</i>	Tussock sedge
<i>Deschampsia caespitosum</i>	Tussock grass
<i>Festuca ovina</i>	Blue fescue
<i>Imperata cylindrica</i>	Japanese blood grass
<i>Luzula sylvatica</i>	Woodrush

## Meadow

<u>Latin Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	Blue grama grass
<i>Deschampsia caespitosum</i>	Tussock grass
<i>Festuca ovina</i>	Blue fescue
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little bluestem

## Screening

<u>Latin Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>
<i>Calamagrostis x acutiflora</i>	Feather reed grass
<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	Pampas grass
<i>Miscanthus floridulus</i>	Silver banner grass
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>	Maiden grass

# Specimen / Accent

<u>Latin Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>
Chasmanthium latifolium	Northern sea oats
Helictotrichon sempervirens	Blue oat grass
Pennisetum alopecuroides	Dwarf fountain grass
Cortaderia selloana	Pampas grass
Imperata cylindrica	Japanese blood grass
Miscanthus sinensis	Maiden grass
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass
Muhlenbergia capillaris	Pink muhly grass
Panicum virgatum	Switch grass
Stipa gigantea	Giant feather grass



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