

## PERENNIAL GRASSES FOR SPECIAL USES

### For Screening

Bamboo  
Feather Reed  
Maiden  
Ravenna  
Switch

### For Naturalizing

Fountain  
Maiden  
Ravenna  
Switch

### Near a Highway

Feather Reed  
Fountain  
Maiden  
Switch

### Dry Areas

Blue Fescue  
Feather Reed  
Fountain  
Maiden, Gracillimus  
Ravenna  
Switch

### As Ground Cover

Blue Fescue  
Feather Reed  
Fountain  
Sedge

### Salt Tolerant

Feather Reed  
Fountain  
Maiden  
Ravenna  
Switch

### Fall Color





Blood  
Feather Reed  
Fountain  
Maiden  
Ravenna  
Sedge  
Switch

### Moist Soil

Blood  
Feather Reed  
Fountain  
Hakonechloa  
Maiden  
Ravenna  
Sedge  
Switch

### Colorful Foliage

Black Mondo  
Blood  
Blue Fescue  
Feather Reed, Overdam  
Hakonechloa  
Maiden, Cabaret  
Maiden, Porcupine  
Maiden, Variegated  
Ravenna  
Sedge  
Switch

-  **SUN** – These plants need at least 8 hours of direct sunlight.
-  **PARTIAL SHADE** – These plants need a minimum of 4 hours of direct sunlight and maximum of 8 hours. Avoid hot afternoon sunlight.
-  **SHADE** – These plants need less than 4 hours of direct sunlight. Avoid hot afternoon sunlight.
-  **SUN-SHADE** – These plants can be grown in any light situation.

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# Perennial Grasses

Perennial Grasses are an extremely diverse group of plants offering many colors, textures and forms suited to a wide range of growing conditions. The element of sound is added to the garden when gentle breezes rustle the foliage. The winter interest grasses can create is spectacular.

**Site preference:** Most Perennial Grasses prefer full sun (8 or more hours of direct sunlight), but many grow well in partial shade (4-8 hours of direct sunlight). Grasses with variegated leaves are more tolerant of shade conditions than grasses with green foliage.

**Soil:** Grasses do well in most soil conditions. The addition of **Composted Manure** and **Sphagnum Peat** will assure a healthy planting. These products help nurture the plant, hold moisture and aerate the soil.

**Watering, Planting, Fertilizing, Dividing:** See instructions found in the *Perennials- General Care Sheet*.

**Winter Care:** Perennial Grasses should be trimmed to a height of around 4" in April. You may cut them back in the fall but they tend to overwinter better if left standing until spring. Many grasses hold their shape through the winter months adding interesting contrast, color and sound to the winter garden.

## 2010 VARIETY LIST

<u>VARIETY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>
Bamboo, Green Panda ☼☼	C, Dark green with red stems	6-8'
Bamboo, Red Fountain ☼	C, Tiny green with red canes	8-10'
Bamboo, Sunset Glow ☼☼	C, Green, dense leaves	6-8'
Bamboo, Umbrella ☼	C, Pea green leaves with green stems	8-10'
Black Mondo, Ebony Knight ☼☼	SS, Nearly black, grass-like	8-12"
Blood, Red Baron ☼☼	SS, Green tipped with red	16-20"
Feather Reed, Karl Foerster* ☼☼	C, Green, rose fan-shaped plumes, tan seeds	4-5'
Feather Reed, Overdam* ☼☼	C, Green and white variegated, gold seeds	24-30"
Fescue, Elijah Blue* ☼	C, Fine blue, light blue plumes, tan seeds	12-16"
Fountain, Hameln ☼	C, Silvery-rose plumes, tan seeds	20-24"
Fountain, Karley Rose ☼	C, Green with showy rose foxtail plumes	30-36"
Fountain, Little Bunny ☼	C, Soft textured green, fuzzy cream seed heads	8-12"
Fountain, Red Head ☼	C, Red bottlebrush spikes	36-42"
Hakonechloa ☼	SS, Bright yellow and green variegated	12-16"
Hakonechloa, All Gold ☼	SS, Bright golden leaves	12-16"
Maiden, Cabaret ☼☼	C, Broad green leaves with creamy white centers, pink plumes	5-6'
Maiden, Cosmopolitan ☼☼	C, Wide white and green leaves with silver plumes	6-8'
Maiden, Gold Bar ☼☼	C, Green with golden crossbars, bronze-pink plumes	30-36"
Maiden, Gracillimus ☼☼	C, Fine green, coppery-red plumes mature to beige	5-6'
Maiden, Little Kitten ☼☼	C, Narrow leaves with silver midribs, white plumes	30-36"

## 2010 VARIETY LIST

<u>VARIETY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>
Maiden, Little Zebra ☼☼	C, Green with yellow crossbars, reddish-purple plumes	30-36"
Maiden, Malepartus ☼☼	C, Green leaves with white midrib, pinkish-purple plumes turning silver	5-6'
Maiden, Morning Light ☼☼	C, Silvery green, reddish-pink plumes	42-48"
Maiden, Porcupine ☼☼	C, Upward green leaves, yellow crossbars, silver plumes	5-6'
Maiden, Purpurascens ☼☼	SS, Rich green, reddish-purple in fall, silvery bronze plumes	36-42"
Maiden, Variegated ☼☼	C, Creamy white and green striped, silvery-pink plumes	5-6'
Maiden, Yaku Jima ☼☼	C, Green fine textured leaves, reddish plumes	4-5'
Maiden, Zebra ☼☼	C, Green with yellow crossbars, bronze-pink plumes	5-6'
Ravenna ☼☼	C, Green, tall beige plumes mature to white	8-10'
Sedge, Amazon Mist ☼☼	C, Light green with twisted tips	8-12"
Sedge, Bronco ☼☼	C, Bronze leaves	8-12"
Sedge, Gold Fountains ☼☼	SS, Gold and green variegated	12-16"
Sedge, Ice Dance ☼	SS, Green edged with white, semi-evergreen	8-12"
Sedge, Leather Leaf ☼☼	SS, Reddish bronze with curly tips	20-24"
Sedge, Old Gold ☼	SS, Green with gold margins	12-16"
Switch, Cloud Nine ☼	C, Light blue with airy pink plumes	5-6'
Switch, Rotstrahlbusch ☼	C, Blue-green, red airy panicles	36-42"
Switch, Shenandoah ☼	C, Green with red tips, red airy panicles	30-36"

**C= Clumping type   SS= Slow Spreading type   \*= Blooms in May, June or July  
Grasses generally bloom from September into October**