



ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	HEIGHT	COLOUR	DESCRIPTION	SHAPE	ZONE	LIGHT	TOLERATES
ACORUS GRAMINEUS								
<i>Acorus gramineus</i> 'Oborozuki'	Sweet Flag ↓	30cm	Golden	Useful as edging/border	Low mounding	5	Sun/Part Sun	Wet
<i>Acorus gramineus</i> 'Variegatus'		30cm	Cream/Green	Creamy variegation, likes moist soils	Upright iris-like	5	Sun/Part Sun	Wet
ANDROPOGON								
<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Big Blue Stem ↓	180cm	Green/Blue	Native with great fall colour	Upright	3	Sun	Dry
<i>Andropogon scoparius</i> 'Prairie Blues'		90cm	Blue/Green	Coppery plumes, orange fall colour	Upright	3	Sun	Dry
BOUTELOUA								
<i>Bouteloua gracillis</i>	Mosquito Grass	60cm	Green	Drought tolerant, unusual July bloom	Low tufted look	5	Sun	Dry
BRIZA								
<i>Briza media</i>	Common Quaking Grass	45cm	Dark Green	Heart-shaped greenish-purple blooms	Low tufted look	5	Sun	Dry
CALAMAGROSTIS								
<i>Calamagrostis acutiflora</i> 'Avalanche'	Feather Reed ↓	1.2m	Green/White	White variegated form of 'Karl Foerster'	Tall erect	4	Sun/Part Sun	Wet/Dry
<i>Calamagrostis acutiflora</i> 'El Dorado'		1.2m	Green/Gold	Gold variegated form of Karl 'Foerster'	Tall erect	4	Sun/Part Sun	Wet/Dry
<i>Calamagrostis acutiflora</i> 'Karl Foerster'		1-1.5m	Green	Stiff upright plumes in summer	Tall erect	4	Sun/Part Sun	Wet/Dry
<i>Calamagrostis acutiflora</i> 'Overdam'		1.2m	Green/White	Good colour contrast in borders	Clump forming	4	Sun/Part Sun	Wet/Dry
CAREX								
<i>Carex</i> 'Bowles Golden'	Golden Sedge	60cm	Gold/Green	Bright gold, needs moist soil	Mounding	6	Part Sun/Shade	Wet





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<i>Carex conica marginata</i> (Snowline)	↓	35cm	Green/White	Thin leaves with bright white margins	Mounding	4	Sun/Part Sun	Wet
<i>Carex glauca</i> 'Blue Zinger'		30cm	Blue	Striking steel blue foliage	Small clump	5	Sun/Part Sun	Wet
<i>Carex morrowii</i> 'Evergold'		50cm	Cream/Green	Short, stiff foliage, gold edged in green	Mounding	5	Shade/Part Sun	Wet
<i>Carex morrowii</i> 'Ice Dance'		20-30cm	Green/White	Bright white variegation	Mounding	5	Part Sun/Shade	Wet
<i>Carex morrowii</i> 'Silver Sceptre'		30cm	Green/Silver	Thin green leaves edged in silver	Mounding	5	Part Sun/Shade	Wet
<i>Carex nigra</i>		30cm	Green	Black flower plumes in spring	Tufts	4	Part Sun/Shade	Wet
CHASMANTHIUM								
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	↓ Northern Sea Oats	1m	Green	Shade tolerant, showy oats seeds	Clump forming	4	Sun/Shade	Wet/Dry
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i> 'River Mist'		90cm	Green/White	Bright green with white striping	Spreading clump	5	Sun/Part Sun	Wet/Dry
DESCHAMPSIA								
<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>	↓ Tufted Hair Grass	60cm	Green	Evergreen, cut back hard in spring	Clump forming	4	Sun/Part Sun	Wet
<i>Deschampsia c.</i> 'Bronzeschleier'		100cm	Bronze	Bronze orange flowers	Clump forming	3	Sun/Part Sun	Wet
ELYMUS								
<i>Elymus arenarius</i>	Blue Lyme Grass	90cm	Blue/Grey	Brilliant blue, can be invasive	Spreading	3	Sun/Part Sun	Dry
<i>Erianthus ravennae</i>	Northern Pampass Grass	3-4m	Green	Silvery plumes, extremely tall, showy	Large clump	5	Sun/Part Sun	Wet/Dry
FESTUCA								
<i>Festuca glauca</i> 'Boulder Blue'	↓ Blue Fescue	25cm	Blue	Bright blue, colour holds in winter	Stiff mound	4	Sun/Part Sun	Dry



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<i>Festuca glauca</i> 'Elijah Blue'		25cm	Silver/Blue	Border plant maintain colour all year	Stiff mound	5	Sun/Part Sun	Dry
HAKONECHLOA								
<i>Hakonechloa</i> 'All Gold'	Forest Grass ↓	20cm	Gold	Use in cool situations, mat forming	Mounding	6	Part Sun/Shade	Wet
<i>Hakonechloa macra</i> 'Aureola'		45-60cm	Gold/Green	Bright colour in shade	Dense mounded	5	Part Sun/Shade	Wet
<i>Hakonechloa macra</i> 'Beni Kaze'		65cm	Green/Red	Turns red in summer, very graceful	Mounding	5	Part Sun/Shade	Wet
HELICTOTRICHON								
<i>Helictotrichon sempervirens</i> 'Sapphire'	Blue Oats Grass	90cm	Intense Blue	Evegreen, great for tall border	Dense clump	5	Sun	Dry
IMPERATA								
<i>Imperata cylindrica</i> 'Red Baron'	Japanese Blood Grass	45cm	Green/Red	Mass plant for effect, red tipped	Small clump	5	Sun/Part Sun	
LIRIOPE								
<i>Liriope muscari</i> 'Big Blue'	Lily-Turf ↓	40cm	Green	Blue muscari-like flowers in fall	Mounding	6	Sun/Shade	
<i>Liriope muscari</i> 'Variegata'		30cm	Green/White	Variegated with blue flowers in fall	Clump forming	6	Sun/Shade	Wet/Dry
<i>Liriope</i> 'Silvery Sunproof'		40cm	Green/Cream	Cream variegation, blue flowers	Clump forming	6	Sun/Shade	
LUZULA								
<i>Luzula nivea</i>	Wood Rush ↓	60cm	Green	White flowers in spring; moist soil	Clump forming	4	Part Sun/Shade	Wet
<i>Luzula</i> 'Ruby Stiletto'		45-60cm	Green/Red	Turns bronzy-red in fall	Clump forming	5	Sun/Part Sun	Wet/Dry
MILIUM								
<i>Milium effusum</i> 'Aureum'	Wood Millet	40cm	Gold/Green	New growth gold, green flowers	Low clump	5	Shade/Part Sun	Wet
MISCANTHUS								
<i>Miscanthus floridulus</i> 'Giganteus'	Maiden Grass	3m	Green	Huge, but not invasive, bold & powerful	Tall arching	4	Sun/Part Sun	Wet/Dry



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<i>Miscanthus saccharifloris</i>		2.5-3m	Deep Green	Can be invasive, use appropriately	Tall arching	3	Sun/Part Sun	Wet/Dry
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Adagio'		1.25m	Green	Fine texture, rich burgundy in fall	Arching clumps	5	Sun/Part Sun	Wet/Dry
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Arabesque'		1.5m	Green	Silvery-pink plumes in August	Compact	5	Sun/Part Sun	Dry
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Autumn Light'		2m	Green	Yellow fall colour, hardy	Fine clump	4	Sun/Part Sun	Dry
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Cabaret'		2.7m	Green/Cream	Bold cream stripes, red plumes	Upright	6	Sun/Part Sun	
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Goldbar'		1m	Green/Gold	Gold horizontal bands, dwarf	Upright	6	Sun/Part Sun	
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Gracillimus'		1.5m	Green	Large arching clump, most popular	Arching clumps	4	Sun/Part Sun	Dry
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Graziella'		1.8m	Green	Showy white flowers, best in mass	Arching clumps	5	Sun/Part Sun	Dry
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Huron Sunrise'		1.8m	Green	Huge burgundy plumes, very showy	Arching clumps	6	Sun/Part Sun	
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Little Zebra'		1.2m	Green/Gold	Dwarf with gold bands, purple plumes	Mounding	5	Sun/Part Sun	
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Morning Light'		1.25m	Green/White	Creamy leaf margins, copper flowers	Arching clumps	5	Sun/Part Sun	Dry
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Nippon'		1m	Green	Dwarf, bamboo-like growth	Arching clumps	5	Sun/Part Sun	Wet/Dry
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'November Sunset'		2m	Green	Striking orange fall colour	Arching clumps	5	Sun/Part Sun	Dry
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Purpurascens'		150cm	Green	Foliage turns orange/red in fall	Upright clump	5	Sun/Part Sun	Wet/Dry



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<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Sarabande'		150cm	Green	Bronzy gold flower plumes in summer	Upright clump	5	Sun/Part Sun	
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Silberfeder'		1.8m	Green	Very white plumes, cold hardy	Upright	4	Sun/Part Sun	
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Strictus'		2m	Green/Gold	Gold horizontal bands, pink flowers	Stiff upright	5	Sun/Part Sun	Wet/Dry
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Vareigatus'		1.5m	Green/White	White striping on leaves, showy in fall	Arching clumps	5	Sun/Part Sun	Wet/Dry
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Zebrinus'		2m	Green/Gold	Gold banding on foliage, distinctive	Upright clump	5	Sun/Part Sun	Wet/Dry
OPHIOPOGON								
Ophiopogon japonica compactus	Mondo Grass ↓	15cm	Green	Use as turf alternative/groundcover	Spreading	6	Part Sun/Shade	Wet
Ophiopogon japonica 'Silver Mist'		25cm	Green/White	White variegated clumping form	Clumping	5	Part Sun/Shade	Wet
Ophiopogon planiscapus 'Nigrescens'		10-15cm	Black	Unusual, almost black leaves	Spreading	6	Sun/Part Sun	Wet
PANICUM								
Panicum virgatum	Switch Grass ↓	1.8m	Green	Drought tolerant, red seed heads	Wide clump	3	Sun/Part Sun	Wet/Dry
Panicum virgatum 'Dallas Blues'		1.5m	Blue	Bright blue, pink seeds heads	Wide clump	5	Sun/Part Sun	Dry
Panicum virgatum 'Heavy Metal'		150cm	Blue	Blue foliage turns yellow/red in fall	Upright	4	Sun/Part Sun	Dry
Panicum virgatum 'Prairie Fire'		140cm	Green/Red	Grass turns wine red by early summer	Upright	5	Sun/Part Sun	Dry
Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah'		90-120cm	Green/Red	Distinctive burgundy highlights	Erect growth	4	Sun/Part Sun	Wet/Dry
PENNISETUM								



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Pennisetum alopecuroides	Fountain Grass 	120cm	Green	Pink plumes form fountain look	Arching clumps	5	Sun	Wet/Dry
Pennisetum alop. 'Hameln'		60cm	Green	Small size, showy flowers	Compact mound	5	Sun	Wet/Dry
Pennisetum alop. 'Little Bunny'		15-30cm	Green	White flowers above tight clump	Dwarf compact	5	Sun	Wet/Dry
Pennisetum alop. 'Moudry'		75-90 cm	Green	Unique dark bottlebrush flowers	Clump forming	6	Sun	Wet/Dry
Pennisetum alop. 'Piglet'		45cm	Green	Medium sized fountain grass	Compact clump	5	Sun	Wet/Dry
Pennisetum orientale 'Karley Rose'		1.2m	Green	Purple flowers plumes in summer	Arching clumps	5	Sun	Dry
PHALARIS								
Phalaris arundinacea 'Picta'	Ribbon Grass	80cm	Green/White	Very aggressive, wet soils, contain	Spreading	4	Sun/Part Sun	Wet
SORGASTRUM								
Sorghastrum nutans	Indian Grass 	150cm	Green	Interesting flower effect, native	Upright clump	3	Sun	Dry
Sorghastrum nutans 'Sioux Blue'		150cm	Metallic Blue	Bold foliage, hardy, good for contrast	Clump forming	4	Sun	Dry
SPOROBOLUS								
Sporobolus heterolepis	Prairie Dropseed	60cm	Green	Good fall colour, likes hot, dry spot	Mounding	4	Sun	Dry