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POPULAR ORNAMENTAL GRASSES FOR THE MIDWEST LANDSCAPE

Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster'- Feather Reed Grass

5' tall

full sun, moist, average to fertile soil, ideal for pond side plantings
performs well in heavy clay soil which helps keep it under control
a strong growing, clump forming, stiff, upright grass with creeping rhizomes
the leaves are dull green, to 2' long
golden colored flowers are produced in June turning yellow in autumn and persisting into winter

Chasmanthium latifolium-Northern Sea Oats

2-4' tall

full sun to partial shade, prefers a moist, loamy soil, a strong growing plant with dull green leaves 9" long and 1" wide. Flowers are borne in small, flattened structures which are produced in the summer on slender, cropping stalks, persisting into winter
the flowers are highly ornamental and are often cut in late summer and dried for use in winter arrangements one of the best native ornamental grasses!

Deschampsia caespitosa-Tufted Hair Grass

2-3' tall

grows well partial shade, in any moist, but well drained soil
mound forming grass with dark green medium textured leaves
flowers produced in summer on open, feathery clusters, 20" long, 8" wide, very graceful
flowers are good for fresh or dried arrangements

Elymus glaucus-Blue Lyme Grass

1.5-2' tall

full sun, well drained soil, foliage colors are best in dry, hot, sites
strong growing, spreads by rhizome. grass useful for erosion control and also as an asset to border plantings if contained the medium textured, flat bluish-green leaves grow to 12" long
flowers are produced on a stiff spike 5-7" long valuable for its distinctive foliage color

Festuca ovina Blue Fescue

8-12" height

full sun, in well drained soil
narrow blue-green leaves form a mound
flowers form on buff colored flattened spikelets in the early season(May-June)
grown mainly for its attractive blue-green foliage

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Miscanthus sinensis gracillimus-Maiden Grass

4-6' height

full sun in a well cultivated, fertile soil that is moist but well drained
strongly channeled green leaves with a silvery midrib are fine textured and of a graceful, upright, arching habit produced in a clump, autumn turns the foliage a buff color and causes the tips to curl producing a very attractive effect
flowers are produced in soft, feathery fan-shaped panicles in late autumn(October) rising to the tops of the foliage, foliage should be cut back near the ground level in late winter

Miscanthus sinensis purpurascens-Purple Flame Grass

3-4' height

full sun in a well cultivated, fertile soil that is moist but well drained
green leaves are medium-textured forming an upright, dense, habit, produced in a clump, autumn turns the foliage an outstanding, rich burgundy-purple
buff colored flowers are produced in soft feathery panicles in September, rising to the tops of the foliage
foliage should be cut back near the ground level in late fall or early spring to allow for new growth

Miscanthus sinensis variegatus-Variegated Japanese Silver Grass

4-6' height

full sun, fertile soil which is moist, but well drained
medium textured 1/2" wide leaves with creamy stripes extending from the base to the tips, forming clumps which have a graceful, upright, open habit
foliage should be cut back near the ground level in late winter
flowers in late September through October starting out pink turning beige

Panicum virgatum 'Rotstrahlbusch'-Red Switch Grass

3-4' height

full sun to partial shade, light soil, will tolerate some moisture
sturdy, narrow upright clumps create a strong vertical line
narrow green leaves 1-2' long formed on a strong growing, plant that spreads by rhizome
flowers in light, feathery clusters in July through September
autumn produces a wonder golden orange color in the foliage
native to mid and Eastern North America

Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Hamelin'-Fountain Grass

1-1.5' height

full sun and fertile soil with adequate moisture
slender erect stems with bright green leaf blades which are flat and narrow, densely forming a clump of foliage where the leaf tips hang gracefully
flowers are formed on a cylindrical clusters in late July which turn purplish in autumn
divide every 5-6 years to avoid dying off in the center

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Phlaris arundinacea 'Picta'- Variegated Ribbon Grass

2-3' height

full sun. the flat grass like leaves are striped green and white, 12" long and 3/4" wide, spreads rapidly by rhizomes

flowers formed in a terminal cluster rising above the foliage

valuable as ground cover under difficult conditions, but must be restrained in the garden as it may be invasive

good for water side plantings

may become leggy and brown during the summer, if so cut back to 6-12", fertilize, water and watch for new growth to appear

Sesleria autumnalis-Autumn Moor Grass

1-1 ½' height

full sun, grows best in alkaline soil. light green narrow leaves form a clump of dense, upright growth

silvery-white flowers appear in late July rising about 4" above the foliage works well in combination with perennials that bloom in late summer and fall

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