

Bamboo, Grasses, Rushes, and Sedges

Arundo donax 'Variegata' - Variegated Giant Reed Grass - Z6 With its striking, creamy-white and yellow variegation this 8-10' bamboo-like grass will certainly stand out in the garden. Use for screening or as a specimen where a large drought tolerant plant is needed. Plants slowly spreads through underground rhizomes forming large clumps. - **2 gal \$18; 5 gal \$32 (summer)**

Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Eldorado' **PP16486** - Eldorado Feather Reed Grass - Z4 - Found as a sport of C. 'Karl Foerster' at Garden Gate Growers in Kettle Falls, WA by Todd Kowitz. Leaves feature striking gold striping. - **2 gal \$18; 3 gal \$25**

Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster' - Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass - Z4 - A graceful, upright grass with narrow, 2-3' stems that give way to 1-2', fresh pink plumes in June. The glistening seed heads turn golden brown as the season progresses. Although this grass can grow in freshwater bogs it will also tolerate sunny, dry locations. Awarded the Perennial Plant of the Year in 2001. - **2 gal \$18; 3 gal \$25**

Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Overdam' - Variegated Feather Reed Grass - Z4 - Striking, 18" plants feature green foliage with creamy-white edges. In late spring bright pink plumes may reach up to 5' above the foliage. Can be grown in partial shade and tolerates dry conditions. - **2 gal \$18; 3 gal \$25**

Carex sp. - Sedge
Native to many areas of the world, sedges typically occur in moist, shady areas. These grass-like plants are generally easy to grow and provide some marvelous foliage colors in the garden.

conica 'Snowline' - Z5 - A slow growing, mounding sedge with dark green, narrow leaves edged in white. Best growth occurs in part shade in moist soil. - **4 pt \$10 (summer)**

glauca (flacca) - Z4 - Striking, 12-15", blue-gray foliage adds textural quality to any garden. *C. glauca* tolerates many growing conditions, from full sun to light shade and moist to dry soils. Excellent for the border front. - **4 pt \$10 (summer); 2 gal \$18**

NEW *granularis* - Z3 - The striking 15-24" tall silvery-blue foliage of this sedge really makes it stand out in any wet meadow with

neutral to alkaline soil pH. Best growth will be achieved in sunny, wet sites. - **4 pt \$12**

laxiculmis 'Hobb' Bunny Blue™ - Z4 - This blue selection was introduced by Head Ornamentals of SC. One of the bluest sedges we have seen yet, forming neat mounds of 6"-8" evergreen foliage. Both heat and drought tolerant, making it a good choice for dry shade situations. - **4 pt \$12**

NEW *merritt-fernaldii* - Z3 - A robust species with 1-3' tall leaves and prickly seed heads. Very tolerant of a wide range of moisture conditions, from wet to dry. Sun or part shade is best. - **24 fl oz \$8; 4 pt \$10**

NEW *mertensii* - Z4 - This west coast US native is commonly found in moist areas where they form clumps of attractive, stiff, 15-24" leaves. Stems are topped by very showy and graceful clusters of flowers. Best in sunny locations with consistent moisture. - **24 fl oz \$8; 4 pt \$10**

muskingumensis 'Little Midge' - Z5 - A compact form with shiny green leaves. Slowly spreads by rhizomes forming an excellent groundcover. - **4 pt \$10 (summer)**

oshimensis 'Evergold' - Z6 - A Japanese species commonly found growing in dry woodlands. Plants make excellent groundcovers showcasing leaves with brilliant yellow centers sandwiched between dark green margins. The low tufted mounds reach 8" tall x 24" wide and grow equally well in both sun and shade. - **4 pt \$12; 2 gal \$18 (summer)**

NEW *plantaginea* - Z4 - A fantastic eastern North American native sedge commonly found in rich, woodlands. Bright green, 1" wide leaves have a pleated or seersucker appearance. In late March, spikes of subtle purple-brown flowers arise above 8" mounds of foliage. Grows best in rich, consistently moist soils in part shade. - **4 pt \$12**

siderosticha 'Variegata' - Z5 - Forms slow spreading colonies of wide green foliage with bright white margins. In spring the leaves are flushed pink. Tolerant of dry, shady conditions once established. - **4 pt \$10 (summer); 2 gal \$18**

Chasmanthium latifolium - Northern Sea Oats - Z4

A clump forming grass that can be grown in full sun and part shade. Only 3' tall, it's perfect for small gardens. The blue-green foliage is topped by pendulous, ornamental seed heads that turn a tan color in fall; great for dried arrangements.

Established plants are drought tolerant. Seeds in freely.

NEW **'River Mist' PPAF** – This striking new introduction features bamboo-like foliage with showy white and green variegation and will shine in a part-shade setting. Interestingly, its oat-like seeds are also variegated and dangle on 2-3' arching stems. – **4 pt \$15**

NEW ***Fargesia murielae*** – Umbrella Bamboo – Z5

This clump forming bamboo is one of the hardiest; reaching upwards of 14 feet the arching culms give the impression of a large umbrella. Known to be an important food source for the Giant Pandas. Mostly evergreen it prefers afternoon shade or dappled sunlight. - **4 pt \$45; 2 gal \$85 (summer)**

NEW ***Fargesia nitida*** – Blue Fountain Bamboo – Z5

Almost as hardy as *F. murielae*; tends to be more upright reaching 12-15'. The dark-purple canes covered in a blue-white powder make this bamboo extremely showy. Great for screening in a part shade location. - **4 pt \$45; 2 gal \$85 (summer)**

Hakonechloa macra – Hakone Grass – Z5

This graceful, arching Japanese grass is a must for the shade garden. Use in mass, to edge walkways, or as an accent with contrasting plants. Slowly spreads in cool moist environments with good drainage. Fall color can range from copper-bronze to brilliant red; reminiscent of bamboo. – **4 pt \$10**

'Albo-Striata' – Faster growing and stands more erect than other cultivars. Creamy-white, striped, 1-2', foliage appears to be more sun tolerant than other cultivars. – **4 pt \$12**

'All Gold' – The striking gold foliage of this recent selection sets it apart from the other *Hakonechloa* cultivars. The wide, spiky leaves are more upright than *H. 'Aureola'* and sure to turn heads in any shade garden. - **4 pt \$15**

'Aureola' – A graceful, slow growing, 18-24" grass that combines well in the shade garden with *Hosta* and *Heuchera*. The arching, golden yellow and green-striped foliage turns pinkish-red in the fall. Selected as the 2009 Perennial Plant of the Year. – **4 pt \$12**

'Beni-Kaze' – This exciting hakone grass has the same look of the species until fall when the elegant, 2-3' arching leaves turn brilliant flame red. Creates a sight not to be missed! Slightly less cold hardy than the species. – **4 pt \$15; 2 gal \$20**

***Juncus effusus* 'Frenzy'** – Variegated Corkscrew Rush – Z5 Unique is an understatement when describing this plant! Each of the 12", light green leaves emerges tightly wound in a corkscrew like pattern giving the plants a bizarre bad hair day look. If that's not enough for you then you'll be happy to learn that each leaf is also marked with a distinctive yellow stripe! Best growth occurs when plants are given plenty of moisture in either full sun or part shade. – **4 pt \$10; 2 gal \$18 (summer)**

NEW ***Juncus effusus* 'Spiralis'** – Corkscrew Rush – Z4

Another unusual member of the Rush family with twisting stems reaching to 24". Great for shallow water gardens or pond edges in full sun. - **4 pt \$12**

***Juncus inflexus* 'Afro'** – Blue Medusa Rush - Z4

More compact than other spiral forms, this slow spreading rush has an open, unruly habit with wiry, blue-green, cylindrical stems. For boggy sites or around the pond, in full sun to light shade, this plant will definitely turn heads. 12-15" – **2 gal \$18**

Muhlenbergia x 'Pink Flamingos' – Pink Flamingos Muhly Grass – Z6 - A clump-former reaching 2-3' high with fine-textured blades that reach out like a fan. Airy, pink flower heads appear in September and make a dramatic display that last into November. These drought tolerant plants make a brilliant display when massed in the sunlit perennial border. - **3 gal \$25**

Panicum virgatum – Switchgrass – Z4 – A versatile North American native tolerant of a wide variety of soil types and cultural conditions. Known for its upright growth habit, switchgrass is great for mass plantings or as specimens. Many cultivars are available offering dramatic foliage colors.

'Heavy Metal' - A classic cultivar that has been available for many years. This selection can't be beat for its 3-4' erect, metallic blue stems and leaves. Airy flowers appear in July and persist through the fall when the blades turn bright yellow. Plants grow best in full sun and well-drained soil. A Kurt Bluemel introduction. – **2 gal \$18**

'RR1' Ruby Ribbons™ – An exciting cultivar developed by Dr. Mark Brand from the University of Connecticut. Resulted from a cross between *P. 'Heavy Metal'* and *P. 'Hänse Herms'* and features blue-green foliage with the

tips blushed wine-red. This red color intensifies as the season progresses almost enveloping the entire blade by season's end. Great for massing in full sun. 3-4' - **2 gal \$25; 3 gal \$35**

Pennisetum alopecuroides - Fountain Grass – Z5

The bottlebrush-like inflorescences make these grasses different from others and arise in late summer to fall ranging from coppery-bronze to deep purple. Varying in height from 24-30", the ½" wide leaves turn yellow-brown in the autumn and persist into the winter. Plant in sun or part-shade and will tolerate moisture with adequate drainage.

'Hameln' – Shorter than the species, this dense, clump forming grass features feathery, silver-white flowers in July turning shimmering pink as they age. - **1 gal \$18; 2 gal \$25 (summer)**

'Piglet' PPAF – This exciting introduction from Brent Hovrath of Intrinsic Perennial Gardens is smaller than *P.* 'Hameln'. The 18" compact plants are great for massing in smaller gardens. - **1 gal \$15; 2 gal \$25 (summer)**