







Plant Database – Ornamental Grasses

Ornamental Grasses by Common Name

Common Name	Scientific Name	Comments
<p>Blue Fescue</p> 	<p><i>Festuca ovina</i> 'Glauca'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small (8 to 10"), clump forming grass • Full sun • Selections for improved blue color; 'Elijah Blue', 'Boulder Blue' • May also be listed as <i>Festuca cinerea</i>
<p>Fountaingrass</p> 	<p><i>Pennisetum alopecuroides</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low (18 to 24"), clump forming grass • Cultivars: 'Hameln', 'Moudry'
<p>Japanese Bloodgrass</p> 	<p><i>Imperata cylindrica</i> 'Red Baron'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size: 15 to 18" • Leaves red in full sun • Spreads by rhizomes to form patch
<p>Maiden Grass</p> 	<p><i>Miscanthus sinensis</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium sized (4 to 5'), clump forming grass • Cultivars: 'Gracillimus', 'Zebrinus', 'Strictus'
<p>Ornamental Sedge</p> 	<p><i>Carex sp.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually a low (12"), clump forming grass • Many species and cultivars (mainly for variegated leaves) • Full sun

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<p>Pampas Grass</p> 	<p><i>Cortaderia selloana</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large (10'), clump forming grass • Full sun • Dramatic plumes • Invasive in western U.S.

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