



# Ornamental Grass Bed

Note: Garden subject to change due to weather, wildlife, etc  
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Plant	Plant ID		Height	Type	Plant Details
1	Carnation Grass <i>Carex flacca</i>		6" - 24"	Cool Season	Dense mass, spreads by rhizomes but easy to control. Sun or light shade, very drought tolerant, may cut back in early spring to renew growth
2	Creeping Broadleaf Sedge <i>Carex siderosticha</i> 'Variegata'		6" - 8"	Cool Season	Dense mass, spreads by rhizomes but easy to control. Partial shade preferred as well as moist soil, cut back dead leaves in early spring
3	Japanese Blood Grass <i>Imperata cylindrica</i> 'Red Baron'		1' - 2'	Warm Season	Upright narrow, spreads slowly by rhizomes. Sun to partial shade, drought tolerant once est., cut back in early spring
4	Blue Fescue <i>Festuca ovina</i>		6" - 10"	Cool Season	Dense tufted mound. Full sun but will tolerate light shade, moist to dry soil, can cut back in spring if shabby looking
5	Zebra Grass <i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Strictus'		5' - 8'	Warm Season	Narrow upright stiff. Sun to partial shade, prefers moist soil, cut back in spring
6	Feather Reed <i>Calamagrostis Xacutiflora</i> 'Karl Foerster'		3' - 5'	Cool Season	Strong upright narrow to open clump, spreads by rhizomes. Sun to light shade, wide variety of soil accepted including clay, cut back in spring
7	Weeping Brown Sedge <i>Carex flagellifera</i>		14" - 20"	Cool Season	Flopping mound. Sun or partial shade, normal to wet soil, can cut back in early spring leaving 1/3 of plant
8	Dwarf Fountain Grass <i>Pennisetum alopecuroides</i>		3' - 4'	Warm Season	Low fountain shape. Full sun, moist to dry soil but drought tolerant, cut back in spring - divide when middle dies out
9	Lilyturf <i>Liriope muscari</i>		10" - 18"	Warm Season	Border grass-like plant in rounded clumps. Sun to shade, average watering needs
10	New Zealand Sedge <i>Carex Comans</i> 'Bronze'		12" - 18"	Cool Season	Dense mass, spreads by rhizomes but easy to control. Sun, drought tolerant, comb out in spring
11	Purple Fountain Grass <i>Pennisetum Rubrum</i>		3' - 4'	Warm Season	Upright arching clump, may self seed. Sun, drought tolerant, usually grown as annual in Northern VA
12	Variegated Lilyturf <i>Liriope muscari</i> 'Variegata'		10" - 18"	Warm Season	Border grass in rounded clumps. Sun to shade, average watering needs
13	Mexican Feather Grass <i>Nassella tenuissima</i>		2'	Cool Season	Fine arching texture once established, self seeds. Sun to light shade, very drought tolerant, run a rake through it in spring to take out dead grass
14	Switch Grass <i>Panicum virgatum</i> 'Shenandoah'	VA Native	4' - 6'	Warm Season	Dense upright open clump, spreads by rhizomes. Sun to partial shade, tolerant of many soil types, cut back in spring
15	Japanese silver grass <i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>		5' - 6'	Warm Season	Fine texture, rounded form. Sun to partial shade, prefers well drained soil, cut back in spring
16	Ruby Grass <i>Rhynchelytrum nerviglume</i> 'Savannah'		8" - 12"	Warm Season	Smooth texture foliage. Full sun to partial shade, average water needs, mostly grown as annual
17	New Zealand flax 'Maori Maiden' <i>Phormium</i> 'Maori Maiden'		2' - 3'	Warm Season	Crowded clumps, Iris-like leaves. Sun to partial shade, average soil needs, may be annual in Northern VA
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19	Tufted Sedge <i>Carex elata</i> 'Bowles Golden'		2' - 3'	Cool Season	Dense tufts, fine texture. Sun to partial shade, suffers in major drought areas, keep watered
20	Silver Spike Grass <i>Achnatherum calamagrostis</i>		3'	Cool Season	Clump forming. Part shade to full sun, well drained soil, drought tolerant in partial shade
21	Pink/Purple Muhly <i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	VA Native	3'	Cool Season	Clump, fine textured foliage. Sun to light shade, very drought tolerant, cut back in spring
22	Variegated Silver Grass <i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Morning Light'		5' - 6'	Warm Season	Fine texture, rounded form. Sun to partial shade, prefers well drained soil, cut back in spring
23	Little Bluestem <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	VA Native	2' - 3'	Warm Season	Upright, open to spreading. Sun, drought tolerant, cut back in spring