

Prairie Winds®

'Desert Plains' *Fountain Grass*

Pennisetum alopecuroides

This large fountain grass makes a beautiful focal point in the fall garden. Showy bottlebrush-shaped flowers emerge dusky purple and age to tan atop the upright vase-shaped clump of green foliage which takes on red, orange, and gold tones in fall. Perfect for containers, landscapes, and as accents!

Foliage Interest; Fall Interest; Winter Interest; Erosion Control

Resists: Deer

CHARACTERISTICS

Plant Type: Perennial

Height Category: Medium

Garden Height: 36 - 48 Inches

Spacing: 36 - 48 Inches

Spread: 36 - 48 Inches

Foliage Colors: Green

Habit: Upright

PLANT NEEDS

Light Requirement: Sun

The optimum amount of sun or shade each plant needs to thrive: Full Sun (6+ hours), Part Sun (4-6 hours), Full Shade (up to 4 hours).

Maintenance Category: Easy

Bloom Time: Early Fall

Hardiness Zones: 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9a, 9b

Water Category: Average

Needs Good Drainage

Soil Fertility Requirement: Average Soil; Fertile Soil

Soil PH Category: Acidic Soil; Neutral Soil

Uses: Border Plant; Container; Cut Flower; Dried Flower; Landscape; Mass Planting
Specimen or Focal Point

Uses Notes: Best in landscapes.

Maintenance Notes: This ornamental grass grows best in rich, well-drained soil and full sun to light shade. It does not tolerate wet soil. Leave foliage standing through winter if desired, but cut back before new growth appears in spring.

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