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Grass, Giant Purple Fountain (spp.)

Leaf Color Green

Fall Color Brown and red

This plant has attractive foliage and attractive fall colors.

Leaf Identification

Type: Simple

Arrangement: Alternate and grows from soil without a stem

Venations: Parallel

Margins: Entire

Shapes: Linear

Environment

This plant tolerates some drought.

This plant will grow in moist soil.

Suitable soil is well-drained/loamy, sandy or clay.

The pH preference is an acidic to slightly alkaline (less than 6.8 to 7.7) soil.

Pennisetum setaceum syn. *Pennisetum ruppelii*
Fountain Grass, Giant Purple Fountain Grass
Poaceae (Grass)

Nomenclature: Royal Hort. Society

Type Perennial, grass

Hardy range 9A to 10B

Height 36" to 4' / 90cm to 1.20m

Spread 36" to 6' / 90cm to 1.80m

Growth rate Fast

Form Rounded and vase shaped

Exposure Full sun

Persistence Semi-evergreen

Bloom Color Brown and red

Bloom Time Summer and Fall

Native Habitat

Tropical Africa and southwestern Asia.

Crown, Branch and Twig

This plant is symmetrical with a fine texture and has a moderately dense crown.

This plant is often grown with multiple trunks.

Propagation and Root Form

Propagation is from , division and seeds. This plant is very flammable.

Best propagation time is in the fall and spring.

This plant grows from a stolon.

Pests, Diseases and Damaging Agents

None serious.

Special Notes

This plant could invade natural areas.

Landscape Uses

- Container plantings
- Border
- Massing
- Specimen
- Groundcover

Attributes and Features

- Naturalizing
- Attracts birds
- Inconspicuous fruit



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