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SPECIES	Restio tetraphyllus
COMMON NAME	Plume Rush
ORIGIN	Australia
DESIGN USE	Grassy looking rush is excellent for immersing in the pond or for growing around the edge; used commercially as cut foliage in florist shops and flower stalls; poolside plantings



HEIGHT

5'

SPREAD

Variable

HABIT

Grasses and sedges that resembles a bamboo miniature; LEAVES: thin bright green thread-like foliage

FORM

Forms a dense clump of smooth slender stems about 1m high from its rhizomatous roots

FLOWERS

Red-brown

FLOWERING PERIOD

Spring-early summer

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Flowering in the heat of summer. Native to moist wet sites, often near the coast up to 1.6m Sun or part shade, bright green tussocks of quite fluffy foliage, which grow to arch and hang in a glorious fountain like manner

HORTICULTURE

Found in damp areas of wallum heaths and tea tree swamps. From Tasmania where it is much used as cut foliage; needs constant moisture.

REFERENCES

<http://www.suncrestnurseries.com/topics/restios.html>

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