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SPECIES	Pennisetum setaceum
COMMON NAME	Fountain Grass
ORIGIN	North Africa
DESIGN USE	For desert garden, median strips & erosion control



HEIGHT

0.5–1m

SPREAD

0.5–1m

HABIT

Striking ornamental grass, mounded and turfing.



FORM

Fountain grass is an attractive perennial grass with a densely clumped growth form and erect stems.

FLOWERS

The small flowers of fountain grass are grouped in pink or purple, bristly, upright inflorescences 6-15 inches long.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Mid-summer to early fall



FRUIT

Small, dry achenes adorned with long showy bristles.

VARIATIONS

“Moudry” (blackish flowers and green leaves, tinted reddish)

“National Arboretum” (blackish flowers and foliage)

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Has a wide elevational range but is limited to areas with a median annual rainfall of less than 50 inches.

HORTICULTURE

Need full sun and warm temperatures with a well-drained soil. The plants are very drought resistant and should be grown on the dry side.



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