Eagle Lake
NURSERIES

Blue Oat Grass

Helictotrichon sempervirens



Blue Oat Grass in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 35 inches

Spread: 23 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Ornamental Features

Blue Oat Grass' attractive grassy leaves remain steel blue in colour throughout the year on a plant with a mounded habit of growth. The tan seed heads are carried on plumes from mid summer to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Blue Oat Grass is an herbaceous evergreen perennial grass with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blue Oat Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Border Edging
- General Garden Use



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Planting & Growing

Blue Oat Grass will grow to be about 35 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 23 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to dry locations, and dislikes excessive moisture. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is native to parts of North America. It can be propagated by division.