



Overdam Reed Grass

Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Overdam'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Feather Reed Grass

Description:

Variiegated foliage with pink-tinged, white margins and a green band down the center. Silver plumes appear in June and change to tan.

Ornamental Features

Overdam Reed Grass is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. The tan seed heads are carried on showy plumes displayed in abundance from late summer to late winter. Its attractive grassy leaves are green in color with showy silver variegation. The foliage often turns tan in fall. It features bold plumes of tan flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer. The gold stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Overdam Reed Grass is an herbaceous perennial grass with a rigidly upright and towering form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Overdam Reed Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Overdam Reed Grass
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Overdam Reed Grass foliage
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Gertens Plant Info.

- Vertical Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Overdam Reed Grass will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Overdam Reed Grass is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our store for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

Gertens Sizes and Pricing

#1 container - \$7.99

* Sizes and availability are subject to change. Please check with the store for specific details.

