

HANSON'S GARDEN VILLAGE ORNAMENTAL GRASS LIST FOR 2026

GRASSES	COLOR	HEIGHT	DESCRIPTION
FEATHER REED GRASS:			
Calamagrostis 'Avalanche'	Variegated	4'	Wide white centers and narrow green margins (opposite of Overdam), upright clumps are slightly shorter than Karl Foerster
Calamagrostis Brachytricha	Green	3-4'	Korean Feather Reed Grass, medium clumping grass with a more open form, fluffy bottlebrush-like plumes, gracefully arch, tolerates moist conditions
Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster'	Green	4-5'	2001 Perennial Plant of the Year , attractive clumping grass with upright growth, feathery plumes mature to tan seed heads in fall
Calamagrostis 'Lightning Strike'	Variegated	3'	Foliage features broad central stripes of creamy white, edged in green
Calamagrostis 'Overdam'	Variegated	2-3'	Upward clumping habit, narrow green leaves with white edge, wheat-colored seed heads in fall and winter
SEDGE:			
Carex 'Ice Dance'	Variegated	12"	Green and white variegated blades, shade tolerant
BLUE FESCUE GRASS:			
Festuca 'Elijah Blue'	Blue	10"	Forms short, rounded clumps of soft powder blue foliage, maintains good summer color
BLUE OAT GRASS:			
Helictotrichon Sempervirens	Silver-Blue	24"	Silver-blue color, nice tufting foliage with arching panicles in summer
TALL MOOR GRASS:			
Molinia 'Moorhexe'	Green	1.5-3'	Narrow, dark green, blades stand stiffly upright on clumped mounds, slender purplish brown seed heads bloom late summer and fall
Molinia 'Skyracer'	Green	7-8'	Wonderful gray-green basal leaves with towering stiff, upright stems, delicate open panicles of yellow flowers, graceful, long season of interest
SWITCH GRASS:			
Panicum 'Cheyenne Sky'	Green/Red	2-3'	PW, a perennial substitute for Pennisetum 'Rubrum', just 3' tall, forms a tight clump of blue-green foliage that begins turning wine red in early summer
Panicum 'Hot Rod'	Green/Red	3-3.5'	Red Switch Grass, emerges blue green and quickly shifts to deep red, one of the earliest to turn red, purple fall foliage, red-purple seeds
Panicum 'Niagra Falls'	Blue-Green	4'	PW, appears like a Miscanthus in the landscape with arching foliage, but adds the powder blue color characteristic of Switch Grass, broad grower
Panicum 'Northwind'	Blue-Green	4-6'	2014 Perennial Plant of the Year, sturdy and upright form with blue-green foliage, vertical look, tan plumes in late summer, great fall interest
Panicum 'Red Flame'	Green/Red	3-3.5'	Warm season grass emerges blue-green, wine red by summer's end, compared with others has a greater red color and incredible vigor
Panicum 'Shenandoah'	Green/Red	3'	Red Switch Grass, green spring upright foliage turns red by July and intensifies as summer progresses
Panicum 'Totem Pole'	Blue-Green	6'	PW, forms an upright column of steel blue foliage, golden seed panicles in fall, ideal for small spaces in the garden that need height and vertical structure
BLUESTEM GRASS:			
Andropogon 'Blackhawks'	Purple	5'	2026 Perennial Plant of the Year , provides height and color earlier, foliage emerges deep green to dark purple in spring and deepens to near black by fall
Schizachyrium 'Blue Heaven'	Blue-Green	3-4'	Taller, more upright habit that does not tend to flop, bright steel blue color, improved fall color
Schizachyrium 'Cinnamon Sticks' - NEW!	Blue-Green	3'	Vivid blue stems in warm weather, turning red early in fall and lasting a long time, perfect for adding height to narrow garden spaces
Schizachyrium 'Prairie Blues'	Blue-Green		Vibrant color and compact growth, intense blue color changes with the cooling temps, beautiful seedheads in fall
Schizachyrium 'Twilight Zone'	Blue-Green	4-4.5'	Silvery mauve in midsummer, retains color through the fall with brighter purple highlights, upright columnar habit
PRAIRIE DROPSEED GRASS:			
Sporobolus heterolepis	Green	2-5'	Native Prairie Dropseed, clumping grass with tall statement seed heads in fall, good for birds
Sporobolus 'Gone With The Wind'	Green	3-4'	A new seed strain, shorter than the species, but still maintains many of the characteristics that made this type of grass popular

We grow many native grass varieties as well!