



Scientific name: *Panicum virgatum*

Common name(s): Switchgrass

Family: Poaceae (Grass)

Native: CO, widespread east of the Great Basin

Habitat: Plains, tallgrass prairie, streambanks, railroad tracks

Many Switchgrass selections and cultivars are available in the nursery trade with exceptional form and color.

Plant type: Warm season perennial bunchgrass (rhizomatous)

Elevation: Native range to 8000'

USDA Hardiness Zone: 4

Exposure: Full sun, part sun

Soil: Adaptable

Moisture: High, moderate, low

Flower color: Pink, red, silver

Bloom time: Late summer to fall

Mature size (height x width): 3-6' x 2-3'



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Propagation: Sow seeds anytime from April 1 to May 1, in cells kept outdoors or in situ. Cover lightly. Switchgrass germinates best when the seeds receive large temperature swings (70-90°F day and 34-50°F night). Seeds germinate in 22-25 days.



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