

Cortaderia selloana

(Pampas Grass)

Pampa grass is one of the most well known ornamental grass used in landscaping. Originated from Argentina from the Pampas the grass can handle frost, some heat, drought and salt. It forms a large clumps, featuring arching narrow green leaves that are topped in fall by huge, feathery, silvery white flowers. The flower is more impressive in the female plants than on male plants. In cold regions the leaves have to be cut back in the winter time. Can as as invasive plants in warm regions. Excellent specimen, border or screen plants.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: kor-tuh-DEER-ee-uh sel-lo-AH-nuh

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: Argentina, South America

Heat Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Screen, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container, Wildlife, Cut Flowers / Arrangements, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape:

Height at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 m

Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

Notes

Invasively self-seeds in some warm winter areas. Leaf edges are extremely sharp.

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Over 80 cm

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Rough

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: Over 20

Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Summer

Fruit

Fruit Type: Caryopsis/Grain

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: Over 20 cm

Fruit Colors: Brown, White

Seasons: Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxicity: No

Invasive Potential: Yes

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Division

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