

## 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

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#### 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

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#### 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

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Caryopsis/Grain

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** Over 20 cm

**Fruit Colors:** Brown, White

**Seasons:** Summer

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### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Good

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** Yes

**Edible Parts:** None

**Plant Propagations:** Division

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