Cymbopogon citratus

(Lemon Grass)

This clump forming perennial grass is used in Asian cuisine for its lemony leaf. The bluish-greenish leaf is sharp or course when touched. The base of the leaves are collected and cut for spices. If it develop flower it appears i late summer. Lemon grass needs full sun or partial shade. In cold regions i can be grown as annual as it is sensitive to frost. In order to grown fast the clumps have to divided every 2-3 years.



Landscape Information

French Name: Citronnelle ou Verveine des

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Pronounciation: sim-baw-POE-gawn sit-TRAY-

tiss

Plant Type: Herbaceous

Origin: South asia

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12

Uses: Border Plant, Container, Edible, Ground

cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape:

Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter Time to Ultimate Height: 1 to 2 Years

Plant Image

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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral **Leaf Venation:** Parallel

Leaf Persistance: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple
Leaf Blade: 30 - 50
Leaf Shape: Linear
Leaf Margins: Entire
Leaf Textures: Coarse
Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False **Flower Size Range:** 7 - 10

Flower Type: Cyme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragance

Flower Color: Brown

Fruit

Fruit Type: Caryopsis/Grain Fruit Showiness: False Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Brown

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Fruit Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No Heat Tolerant: Yes Drought Tolerant: No Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral Water Requirements: Moderate Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to

develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: Leaf

Plant Propagations: Division

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