

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.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Citronnelle ou Verveine des Indes

Pronunciation: sim-baw-POE-gawn sit-TRAY-tiss

Plant Type: Groundcover

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

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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: 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 Fragrance

Flower Color: Brown

Fruit

Fruit Type: Caryopsis/Grain

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Brown

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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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