

## 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

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#### 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

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** False

**Flower Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Flower Type:** Cyme

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Brown

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#### 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

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### 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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