

## Imperata cylindrica

### (Cogon grass, Japanese Blood Grass)

Cogon grass is a grass native to Japan, and is a highly invasive plant, sometimes considered as a weed. It's an upright, clump forming grass. Its leaves are green but become colored (Red, orange, tan) during winter.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

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**French Name:** paillette

**Arabic Name:** حلفى، حلفاء

**Pronunciation:** im-per-AH-tuh sil-IN-dree-kuh

**Plant Type:** Groundcover

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**Origin:** Japan

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**Heat Zones:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

**Hardiness Zones:** 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

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**Uses:** Border Plant, Container, Wildlife, Ground cover

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#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Upright

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 0.5 to 1 m, 1 to 1.5 m

**Spread at Maturity:** Less than 50 cm

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 2 to 5 Years

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Flower Image

### Botanical Description

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#### Foliage

**Leaf Venation:** Nearly Invisible

**Leaf Persistence:** Deciduous

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 50 - 80

**Leaf Shape:** Linear

**Leaf Margins:** Serrate

**Leaf Textures:** Rough

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Orange, Red, Copper

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** False

**Flower Type:** Spike

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** White

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Colors:** Orange, White

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

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

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Invasive Potential:** Yes

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** No pruning at all

**Edible Parts:** None

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting, Division

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