

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

French Name: paillotte

Arabic Name: حلفى، حلفاء

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

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: Japan

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

Uses: Border Plant, Container, Wildlife, Ground cover

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

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

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Type: Spike

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: White

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Colors: Orange, White

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

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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