



Purple Love Grass
Eragrostis spectabilis

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Group/Class: Native

Description:

This variety is a warm season bunchgrass suited sandy, rocky sites that are hot and dry; soft reddish-purple flowers rise above the foliage in mid summer, turning brown by fall; clumps can be divided in spring

Ornamental Features

Purple Love Grass features showy plumes of plum purple flowers rising above the foliage from mid summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Purple Love Grass is an herbaceous perennial grass with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Purple Love Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



Purple Love Grass
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Planting & Growing

Purple Love Grass will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is native to parts of North America. It can be propagated by division.

Purple Love Grass is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

Sizes Available:

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