Super Stripe Maiden Grass

Miscanthus sinensis 'Super Stripe'

Plant Height: 4 feet

Flower Height: 7 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Superstripe Maiden Grass, Japanese Silver Grass

Description:

An improved, striped variety featuring long green blades adorned with horizontal gold bands; in fall, foliage turns a medium tan, along with attractive tan plumes on tall spikes, that persist for great winter interest

Ornamental Features

Super Stripe Maiden Grass features bold plumes of tan flowers rising above the foliage from mid to late summer. Its attractive grassy leaves are green in color with prominent gold stripes. The foliage often turns tan in fall. The tan seed heads are carried on showy plumes displayed in abundance from early fall to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Super Stripe Maiden Grass is an herbaceous perennial grass with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Super Stripe Maiden Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Vertical Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover



Super Stripe Maiden Grass foliage
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Planting & Growing

Super Stripe Maiden Grass will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity extending to 7 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.