Taiwan Mondo Grass

Ophiopogon formosanum



Taiwan Mondo Grass
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Height: 6 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 7

Description:

Mounds of fine-textured, light green, grassy foliage; bell-shaped, white flowers in summer, followed by showy blue fruit; striking when massed along shady beds and borders; not actually a grass but more closely related to lilies

Ornamental Features

Taiwan Mondo Grass features dainty spikes of white bell-shaped flowers held atop the stems from late spring to early summer. Its attractive grassy leaves remain light green in color throughout the year. It features an abundance of magnificent blue berries from late summer to early fall.



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Landscape Attributes

Taiwan Mondo Grass is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial grass with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Taiwan Mondo Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Taiwan Mondo Grass will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Taiwan Mondo Grass is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.