Crystal Falls® Mondo Grass

Ophiopogon jaburan 'HOCF'



Crystal Falls Mondo Grass foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

Lush mounds of narrow, dark-green foliage; bell-shaped white flowers on spikes in summer, followed by bright, sky-blue berries; striking as a groundcover, edging, or massed along borders; glossy foliage resists winter damage and disease

Ornamental Features

Crystal Falls Mondo Grass features dainty spikes of white bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from mid to late summer. Its attractive glossy narrow leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year. It produces sky blue berries from early to mid fall.

Landscape Attributes

Crystal Falls Mondo Grass is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial grass with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

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.

Crystal Falls Mondo Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Crystal Falls Mondo Grass will grow to be about 24 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 18 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium 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 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.

Crystal Falls Mondo Grass is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.