Bunny Tails Grass

Lagurus ovatus

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Hare's Tails Grass

Description:

A neat and compact, bright green grass suitable for smaller areas; blooms are bunny tail shaped white plumes that mature to tan, and persist until winter; beautiful as an accent or massed in borders or rock garden



Bunny Tails Grass flowers
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Bunny Tails Grass in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Bunny Tails Grass has masses of beautiful plumes of creamy white flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. The tan seed heads are carried on showy plumes displayed in abundance from late summer to early winter. Its grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Bunny Tails Grass is an herbaceous perennial grass with a shapely form and gracefully arching stems. 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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Bunny Tails Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Bunny Tails Grass will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Bunny Tails 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 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.