Christmas Tree Lily Turf

Liriope muscari 'Christmas Tree'



Christmas Tree Lily Turf
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Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Border Grass, Lilyturf

Description:

A tufted grass like perennial that features a clump of arching, glossy, dark green leaves; dense lavender flower spikes shaped like little Christmas trees appear in summer; best used as an edging plant or massed as a groundcover

Ornamental Features

Christmas Tree Lily Turf features dainty spikes of lavender flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer. Its attractive glossy grassy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season. It features an abundance of magnificent black berries in early fall.

Landscape Attributes

Christmas Tree Lily Turf is a dense herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging 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 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.

Christmas Tree Lily Turf is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Christmas Tree Lily Turf will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches 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 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 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. 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 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.