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Little Zebra Dwarf Maiden Grass

Miscanthus sinensis 'Little Zebra'



Little Zebra Dwarf Maiden Grass foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 3 feet

Flower Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Japanese Silver Grass, Dwarf Zebra Grass

Description:

This dwarf variety has a pleasing, compact mounded habit; interesting foliage is banded in yellow; reddish, fan shaped plumes mature to a creamy tan color in winter; excellent for small garden spaces

Ornamental Features

Little Zebra Dwarf Maiden Grass features bold plumes of red flowers rising above the foliage in late summer. Its attractive grassy leaves are bluish-green in color with showy yellow variegation. The foliage often turns yellow in fall. The silver seed heads are carried on showy plumes displayed in abundance from early fall to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Little Zebra Dwarf Maiden Grass is an herbaceous perennial grass with a shapely form and gracefully arching stems. 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.

Little Zebra Dwarf Maiden Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Little Zebra Dwarf Maiden Grass will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity extending to 4 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. 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 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.