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Red Bunny Tails Fountain Grass

Pennisetum messiacum 'Red Bunny Tails'

Height: 32 inches

Spread: 32 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Description:

A fine textured bright green fountain grass suitable for smaller areas; blooms are bunny tail shaped, reddish-pink plumes that persist until winter; beautiful as an accent or massed in borders or rock garden

Ornamental Features

Red Bunny Tails Fountain Grass has masses of beautiful plumes of pink flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its grassy leaves are green in colour. As an added bonus, the foliage turns a gorgeous coppery-bronze in the fall. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Red Bunny Tails Fountain 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.

Red Bunny Tails Fountain Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Red Bunny Tails Fountain Grass
foliage*
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Planting & Growing

Red Bunny Tails Fountain Grass will grow to be about 28 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 32 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.

Red Bunny Tails Fountain Grass is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, this plant may be too tender to survive the winter if left outdoors in a container. Contact our store for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

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