

CHINESE SILVER GRASS

MISCANTHUS SINENSIS 'GRACILLIMUS'

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

Size

3' – 7' high, 3' – 6' wide

Sun/Shade

Full Sun to Part Shade

Water

Medium

Maintenance

Low

Life Span

Perennial Grass, Zones 5-9



Description

Miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus', also known as Chinese Silver Grass, Eulalia Grass and Maiden Grass, is a perennial ornamental grass which grows best with full sun and moist soils. When it has too much shade it will exhibit less flowering and may flop. It grows in dense, tight clumps and slowly spreads by rhizomes. It can also self-seed which makes it an invasive species in the Virginia area but the spreading by seeds can be curtailed with mulching. Its stems form an arching, fountain-like shape that lasts through the fall and winter. The stems start out a copper colored turning to silver as the plant matures. It produces reddish blooms in late September (later than most grasses) that turn to copper. Silver Grass can be propagated by dividing its crown and should be cut close to the ground in late winter. It attracts birds and tolerates black walnut, drought and hot summer sun. It has no serious insect or disease problems.

Source: [Invasive Plant Atlas](#), [Missouri Botanical Garden](#)



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