



Variegated Ribbon Grass

Phalaris arundinacea 'Picta'

Height: 32 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Canary Grass

Ornamental Features

Variegated Ribbon Grass' attractive grassy leaves are lime green in colour with showy white variegation. The foliage often turns tan in fall. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Ribbon Grass is an herbaceous perennial grass with an upright spreading 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 can be pruned at anytime. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Invasive

Variegated Ribbon Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Variegated Ribbon Grass will grow to be about 32 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.



Variegated Ribbon Grass foliage
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This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species. 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.

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