

# HELICTOTRICHON (BLUE OAT)

**Location:** Zones 4, sun, well-drained soil

**Shape:** Clump, arching stems

**Foliage:** Long, arching, blue

**Flowers:** Spring

**Notes:** Steel blue leaf blades form a rounded, porcupine-like clump. Spikelets of bluish-brown flowers appear on erect stems rising well above the foliage in May. Flower spikelets mature to a golden wheat color by fall. Best blue color occurs in drier soils.

## **Blue Oat**

*Helictotrichon sempervirens*

24-30" x 18"

Full Sun

Zone 4

Showy blue flower spikes turn tan by fall. Arching steel blue, stiff leaves create a rounded, porcupine-like clump. Prefers well-drained soil and is drought tolerant.

