Miscanthus (Maiden Grass)

Location: Zones 4, sun

Shape: Upright clump

Foliage: Green turning red in fall

Flowers: Summer to fall

Notes: A versatile ornamental grass, but clumps need lots of room. Tall and upright, but sometimes slow to emerge in the spring. Tolerant of a wide range of soils from well-drained sandy soils to heavy clay. Will also tolerate summer heat and humidity.

Flame • Miscanthus sinensis 'Purpurascens'

48" x 48"

Full Sun

Zone 4

Tight, upright clumps of green with a red tint turn red-orange in fall. In late summer, large, silvery plumes appear. Slow to emerge in spring. Adaptable to many soil types.



Huron Sunrise • Miscanthus sinensis 'Huron Sunrise'

60-72" x 36"

Full Sun

Zone 4

Green w/silver mid-ribs develop very full, burgundy seedheads in late summer and become silvery-white plumes by fall. Foliage turns golden in autumn. Drought tolerant.



Porcupine • Miscanthus sinensis 'Strictus'

72-84" x 36-48"

Full Sun

Zone 4/5

Green foliage is highlighted by dramatic horizontal golden bands. Reddish bronze plumes rise above the foliage in summer. Has a rigid, upright habit and stiff, pointed leaf blades like porcupine quills. Drought tolerant.

