

Plant Name: Pennisetum setaceum Red Fountain Grass AGM

Common Name: Red Fountain Grass

Plant Type: Grass

Colour: Reddish Pink

Height: 75-90cm

Spread: 44-50cm

Flowering Time: Flowers from Jun to Oct



Species Data (applies to all plants in this Plant Species)

No Species data defined for this species

Plant Data (applies to THIS plant only)

Fountain Grass: Red Fountain Grass Pennisetum setaceum
FAMILY: POACEAE (Grass Family)

Red fountain grass Pennisetum setaceum 'Rubrum' has become a popular landscaping element in Southern California, especially since it is drought and heat resistant. Yet the fountain grass genus hails originally from Africa, southwestern Asia, and Arabia. Its common name refers to the fountain of flower stalks that cascade from the foliage, and its genus name comes from the Latin words penna and seta, meaning "feather bristle." The rich burgundy leaves and stalks of the 'Rubrum' cultivar make it a real show-stopper.

Botanical Name: Pennisetum setaceum 'Rubrum'

Form: Tender herbaceous perennial grass

Sun Exposure: Full Sun

Height/Habit: 75cm - 90cm, upright

Spread: 44cm - 50cm

Spacing: 44cm - 50cm

Foliage Type: Long, narrow foliage in a deep bronze-purple color.

Flower Form: Masses of small feathery flowers form a long plume.

Flower Color: Reddish-pink

Flowering Date: Mid summer onwards

Planting Requirements: Set at the same level it is at in the container, firm well and water in thoroughly

Soil Requirements: Average garden soil that is well drained

Growth Rate: Fast once established, which takes approximately 2 - 3 weeks

Unique Characteristics: One of the most attractive and dramatic accents in the garden or a container. The tall cascading foliage is

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brilliantly colored and is beautifully offset by pink flower plumes. It is effective the moment it is planted and continues its lovely display right up to the killing frosts of fall. Perfect as a centerpiece, specimen planting or mixed with other summer flowers. Although it is not hardy, it is sure to be an annual favorite for the summer and fall garden as it is one of the most striking of all annuals. So easy to care for.

Pruning: None