

Hot Rod Switch Grass



Tolerates coastal exposure, great for erosion control, impressive in mass plantings, tolerates Very Wet Areas, perfect for Wildlife Gardens



Panicum virgatum 'Hot Rod'

- **Use:** A compact, drought and salt tolerant, clumping grass with excellent vertical form. Blue-green foliage during the growing season turns a deep burgundy in summer. Airy purple flower panicles produce showy seed heads that provide winter interest. A haven for wintering songbirds.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun– part sun. Drought tolerant once established. Needs at least 4 hours afternoon sun.
- **Growth:** Moderate growing; reaches 3 to 4 ft. tall and 2 ft. wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-9, Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Revs up into the red zone earlier than other switch grasses. Firmly upright blades emerge blue/green, reddening rapidly until the whole plant is rich, deep maroon.
- **Flower:** In late summer, tan, elegant flower heads sway 12-15 in. above the foliage.