

# Citronella Grass



## *Cymbopogon nardus*

- **Use:** Best known for its insect repelling properties, particularly against mosquitoes. The essential oils are extracted from the plants leaves and stems are now to repel insects. The oils are used in various products such as candles, sprays, and lotions to protect from mosquito bites outdoors. It is a thin, reedy grass with a rather unusual flower that makes one wonder why the plant bothers. Still, it is a very rare novelty which makes a nice summer patio plant, releasing a clean lemony fragrance when caressed or crushed. Dried, it makes an interesting addition to Potpourri.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun or at least 5-6 hours of afternoon sun; Water when top 3" of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Grows 5-8' tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 10-11, Annual
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Loaded with pure Citronella Oil. Incredibly fragrant when the leaves and stems are crushed.
- **Flower:** Produces clusters of small, creamy white flowers in mid-late summer. In addition, the plant has several traditional medicinal uses and is used in flavorings and perfume.

**Fresh or dried Citronella Grass, like its famous cousin Lemon Grass, is steam distilled to remove its essential oil. This essential oil is effective in repelling insects and is used in everything from candles to dog collars.**

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