

# Variegated Feather Reed Grass



Foliage has wide creamy white center stripes that are edged in green, a different twist on your typical Calamagrostis variety, late summer plumes will persist through winter if not cut back. Low Maintenance and drought tolerant!



## *Calamagrostis acutiflora* 'Lightning Strike'

- **Use:** This reed grass is a vertical masterpiece and provides wonderful contrast amongst low shrubs and perennials. Often used in naturalized areas, its ultimate size is directly related to the amount of moisture. Sways gracefully in the lightest breeze. A row or a mass planting is spectacular on a windy day! Deer resistant! Particularly attractive along a woodland edge. Works well as a specimen or incorporated into a border; makes a good low screen, especially in somewhat shady areas.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun; moist to wet fertile soil; tolerates a wide range of soil types including dry sandy soil; thrives in clay soil.
- **Growth:** Grows 3 feet tall, and 3' wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-10; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Foliage features broad central stripes of creamy white, edged in green. Cut back in February to 1' tall before new growth starts.
- **Flower:** Feathery loose purple tinged flowers on stalks to 6 feet tall in summer that age to a buff color by late summer. Flowers often remain erect despite heavy snowfall.