River Oats







- Native to North America
- Good for Bioswales/ Vegetated Swales
- Shade tolerant
- Drought tolerant
- Juglone tolerant so can be planted under nut trees.





Chasmanthium latifolium

- <u>Use:</u> This US native produces a multitude of beautiful pale green seed heads in midsummer that are reminiscent of the sea oats found at the beach. Panicles drop under their weight and look absolutely beautiful when backlit by the sun. Provides excellent contrast and texture almost year-round to the border, shaded garden, native plant garden, naturalized area, along streams or on the periphery of the water garden. Naturalize or use as specimens or accents.
- <u>Exposure/Soil</u>: Full sun— part sun. Adaptable to most growing conditions from shade to full sun and dry to wet so it's a problem solving plant. Drought tolerant once established. Needs at least 4 hours for best results in filtered sun otherwise it will need staking.
- **Growth:** Moderate growing; reaches 3 to 4(in flower) ft. tall and 2-3 ft. wide.
- *Hardiness:* Zone 5-10; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Bright green leaves (5-9" long) turn a coppery color after frost and eventually brown by winter.
- Flower: Most distinguished by the flat, drooping seed heads which hang in terminal clusters on thread-like pedicils from slightly arching stems. Seed heads will flutter when caressed by even the softest of breezes. Seed heads emerge green but turn purplish bronze by late summer. Excellent for dried flower arrangements.