

Autumn Light Maiden Grass



Low Maintenance. A large specimen with a full, arching form. Narrow green leaves give it a delicate appearance despite its large size. Blooms appear in September and fall foliage can be very beautiful. !



Miscanthus sinensis 'Autumn Light'

- **Use:** Blooming later than many other varieties, Autumn Light shows off crimson-red flowers atop sturdy 7-foot stems that turn creamy white as they age. Plant toward the back of the perennial border, in a shrub border, or as a specimen plant in the landscape.
- **Great specimen or used in groups as a screen.**
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun– part sun. Drought tolerant once established. Needs at least 4 hours afternoon sun. Easily grown in average, medium moisture, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Tolerant of a wide range of soils from well-drained sandy soils to the heavy clays present in much of GA.
- **Growth:** Grows 4 to 6 feet – and 4 to 5 feet wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9, Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous This grass features a dense clump of upward-arching stems and leaves which give it a rounded, fountain-like appearance. Linear leaves (to 3-4' long and 3/8" wide) have tapered tips, serrate margins and whitish to silvery midribs. Foliage often turns attractive shades of yellow to orange by mid-fall before gradually fading to beige-tan for winter. Foliage should be left standing throughout the winter for visual interest and crown protection. Cut foliage close to the ground in late winter j to 6" tall just before new shoots appear. Propagate by division of the crown.
- **Flower:** Pink to red flowers in feathery, whisk-like, loose terminal panicles (8-10" long) bloom above the foliage from late August to October. Flower panicles gradually turn beige by mid-fall as the seeds mature. Flower panicles and foliage both retain good arching shape, beige color and ornamental interest throughout winter, with enhanced attractiveness often coming from a covering of new fallen snow. Mulch helps prevent re-seeding.

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