Variegated Japanese Silver Grass



Miscanthus sinensis 'Rigoletto'

- <u>Use:</u> Graceful and robust, they're favored for their luxuriant foliage and silky terminal panicles. Striking as singular specimens, Miscanthus are also excellent when massed in the perennial bed or a mixed border. Attractive throughout most of the year, with yellow, purple, scarlet and burgundy fall colors, they fade to a lovely warm ivory in winter. Looks best with perennials planted at the base of the grass.
- <u>Exposure/Soil</u>: Full sun– part sun. This plant tolerates some drought and occasional wetness. It prefers soil that is well-drained, loamy, sandy or clay with a pH preference of an acidic to slightly alkaline (6.8 -7.7)
- <u>Growth</u>: Grows 3-4' feet tall, with flowers5' feet tall. Clumps are about 2-3' wide. Cut old stems to the ground in late winter to early spring.
- *Hardiness: Zone* 5-9, Perennial
- *Foliage:* Deciduous. ts attractive grassy leaves are green in color with showy white variegation. The foliage often turns yellow in fall.
 - **<u>Flower</u>**: Topped by red-tinged flowering plumes, the loose nimbly flowing clump vows dramatic ivory-toned highlights for the landscape or for a glazed cobalt-blue container.

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If your garden has limited room, 'Rigoletto' is a brightly patterned treasure that you'll want to squeeze in. More compact and smaller growing than 'Variegatus', this Kurt Bluemel introduction parades slender blades inscribed with gleaming white vertical stripes.