

# Cheyenne Sky Switch Grass



## *Panicum virgatum* 'Cheyenne Sky'

- **Use:** Forms a dense, upright clump of blue-green leaves that turn wine red in early summer. Purple flower panicles appear just above the foliage in late summer. This petite red grass is ideal for containers. A nativar perfect for the late summer landscape! The seedheads on this moderately sized grass billow over the top of the habit. Wide, steel colored leaves densely pack the robust habit. A haven for wintering songbirds.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun– part sun. Drought tolerant once established. Needs at least 4 hours afternoon sun.
- **Growth:** Moderate growing; reaches 3 ft. tall and 18” wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4a-9b, Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Blue-grey leaves and a compact upright habit.
- **Flower:** Starting in late August, the clumps are topped with airy plumes of smoky purple.



Switch grass gets its name from the peaceful swishing sound it makes when

blowing in the wind. All parts of this grass are very sturdy, and will remain standing thru winter unless snows are heavy.

This provides important cover for birds during the coldest days of winter. This grass is very versatile from a design standpoint; it is effective as a specimen, in masses, for screening, alongside ponds or streams, or even in large containers.

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