

Prairie Winds® October Sky Switch Grass



Panicum virgatum 'October Sky' PP37339

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.

- **Use:** 'October Sky' is an excellent mid-sized native grass with brilliant rosy purple seedheads for a fantastic fall display. Overall the plant has an elegant upright shape, comprising of blue-green leaves, is sturdy and less prone to opening up or collapsing later in the season. 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 4.5-5' ft. tall and 2-2.5' 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 seedheads for a fantastic fall display.

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