King Tut Egyptian Papyrus



If Dr. Seuss and Martha Graham got together and designed a plant, it might look like King Tut grass.

Cyperus papyrus 'King Tut'

- <u>Use:</u> This ornamental grass combines drama, grace and humor and makes a spectacular container garden plant. The plant can be planted in pots, along the waters edge of a pond, or even in a pond. Toelrates heat!
- Exposure/Soil: Full— part sun. The root ball can be submerged but it isn't necessary. If the plant is put into a pot I would suggest plugging the hole or holes in the bottom of the pot to keep as much water as possible in the pot. The crown of the plant should never be covered in water and in fact both of these varieties can thrive in water as shallow as a few inches. The purpose is to keep the bulk of the soil or root mass wet.
- **Growth:** Fast grower and can reach heights of 42" to 72" tall. It can also reach widths of 36" to 72".
- <u>Hardiness</u>: 8-11; Annual, Not hardy enough to survive winters with freezing temperatures and it is not a candidate to overwinter inside. It is a very fast grower and will quickly grow to impressive size when replanted in the spring.
- Foliage: Deciduous. Fringy fronds atop tall stiff stalks.
- **Flower:** Intricate, 3 in., lavender flower are short-stalked from leaf axils. The petals and sepals subtend a fringe of wavy or crimped, hair-like segments. The pistil and stamens are also showy. The fruit is a large, orange-yellow berry with edible pulp. Like some other passion vines, Maypop spreads by root suckers.