



El Dorado Feather Reed Grass

Calamagrostis x acutiflora "El Dorado"

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Feather Reed Grass

Description:

This ornamental reed grass sways in the wind with a graceful, arching habit and lovely gold variegated leaves; tan seed heads and foliage are great for fall and winter interest

Ornamental Features:

El Dorado Feather Reed Grass's attractive grassy leaves are green in color with showy gold variegation. The foliage often turns tan in fall. It features bold plumes of tan flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer. The tan seed heads are carried on showy plumes displayed in abundance from late summer right through to late winter. The gold stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes:

El Dorado Feather Reed Grass is an herbaceous ornamental grass with a shapely form and gracefully arching stems. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This ornamental grass will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. It has no significant negative characteristics.

El Dorado Feather Reed Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Vertical Accent
- General Garden Use
- Mass Planting
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting



Calamagrostis x acutiflora "El Dorado" foliage

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Plant Characteristics:

El Dorado Feather Reed Grass will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This ornamental grass does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This plant can be propagated by division.

This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

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