

Pennisetum Alopecuroides – Swamp Foxtail Grass



Pennisetum alopecuroides also known as Swamp foxtail grass, Foxtail fountain grass, Dwarf Fountain Grass and Chinese Pennisetum is a genus of recurrent grass local to Australia and Asia. Its culms are erect as well as sixty to hundred centimeter long; leaf blades are drooping or erect; conduplicate or flat, or involute and from ten to forty centimeter long by three to six millimeter wide.

Height: Up to 1m high

Uses: Foliage as well as attractive flower points of this decorative grass offer excellent color, texture, and contrast to the borders, foundation as well as open areas.

Planting tips: It can be grown easily in average, mid to damp soils in complete sun to partial shade. However it grows best in complete sun. It can tolerate partial shade, but might not blossom in much shade. You should cut plant to the ground level in the late winter ahead of novel shoots emerge.

Soil type: Prefer average to damp soil. Well drained soil is also essential for the best growth.

Pruning: Pruning should be done in the month of March to take away the dead leaves.

Water requirement: It requires occasional watering

Feeding: You should feed it with general purpose fertiliser ahead of new growth starts in spring.

Pests and problems: It is generally a pest resistant plant

Climate: Most of the Australian region suits this plant growth. However, Queensland and New South Wales regions suits it the most.