

Botanical Name: Ophiopogon japonicus

Common Name: Mondo grass

Type of Plant: monocot; groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape small mound of slender grasslike leaves; forms a fine-textured tuft of dark green foliage

Height 6-18" Spread 6-12" Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoor partial shade to full shade; full sun near coast

Soil well draining preferred; tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 5-10, 12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves grasslike, very thin, 6-12" long (18") arising from basal stem, dark green

Flowers inconspicuous--lilac pink flowers on short spikes--usually spikes are obscured by the foliage

Fruit tiny black berry -- 1/8"

Propagation: seed, division of clump

Usage: facier/border plantings used for clumping form, foliage and texture; small area groundcover primarily in forest style and Oriental style landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular watering; looks poor in drought conditions

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning head back old foliage if needed -- can be sheared

Pests/Diseases snails/slugs, salt burn where drainage is poor

Special Conditions

Origin: Japan Family: Liliaceae