

Botanical Name: Cortaderia selloana

Common Name: Pampas grass

Type of Plant: monocot; perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape dense, massive clump of long, narrow, saw-edged, grassy
leaves which arch outward to produce fountain-like effect; formidable barrier

Height 10-20' Spread 10-20' Growth Rate very rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil tolerates most soils

Hardiness hardy, (zones 4-24); thrives in warm, sunny locations

Morphology:

Leaves long, thin, grasslike blades, finely serrate margins,
6-10' long, to 1" across

Flowers tiny, pinkish white, feathery, dense panicles, 2-4' long
showy above clump; July through October

Fruit grain

Propagation: seed; may become an invasive weed

Usage: large scale slope plantings, filler, screen, dry
locations, windy locations -- somewhat large for residential landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering little needed after established, tolerates heavy watering

Fertilizing none

Pruning none--does best if given room so as not to have to prune

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions may become invasive--kill off all seedlings

Origin: Argentina Family: Poaceae