

Botanical Name: Pennisetum setaceum

Common Name: Fountain grass

Type of Plant: monocot; perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a full, distinctive, clumping plant, with very slender
3'-4' long grass blades arching and spreading to form a billowy 'fountain-like'
appearance; is short-lived

Height 3' - 4' Spread equal Growth Rate moderate - rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun; likes heat

Soil tolerates most, including both dry and wet habitats

Hardiness hardy (zones 12-24); thrives in warm low-elevation sites

Morphology:

Leaves very thin, almost wirelike, arching from the ground; green
to somewhat bronze-colored

Flowers graceful plumelike spikes of pinkish white flowers;
spikes arise from and extend beyond the foliage; summer - fall

Fruit a tiny grain

Propagation: seed (germinates easily - can become invasive)

Usage: an excellent small accent shrub for its beautiful flower
display and airy, delicate appearance; good quick filler for dry slopes and
hard-to-landscape sites; erosion control

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates regular; little is needed after establishment

Fertilizing none

Pruning none

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions check seedlings to avoid invading areas where undesirable

Origin: Africa Family: Poaceae