

Botanical Name: Leymus condensatus 'Canyon Prince'

Common Name: Giant rye grass

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Family Poaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape A vigorous-growing plant - forms a conspicuous clump of upright and spreading blue-green long slender leaves; the clump enlarges with age

Height 2-3' Spread equal or more Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure full sun: becomes elongated and spindly in shaded locations

Soil tolerates most, including clay; is a good soil binder

Hardiness (zones 8, 9, 14-24) tolerates some frost; thrives in sunny costal locations

Morphology:

Leaves elongate, narrow grass-shaped, with a distinctive bright blue-gray green color; to 2-3' long

Flowers inconspicuous, in long slender spikes the arise 4-6' above the plant during the summer

Fruit a grain

Propagation: by seed or division of the clump

Usage: an attractive herbaceous filler in woodlands or mediterranean-theme gardens; valued for its blue-green coloration and textural contrast with adjacent plantings; useful as a soil stabilizer

Landscape Care:

Watering little is required in coastal areas after established; deep-soak 2 to 3 times/month at inland sites during warmer, drier months

Fertilizing none required; avoid application of high-nitrogen fertilizers

Pruning head back strongly to control size and encourage new foliage growth

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Other _____

Origin: costal meadow areas on San Miguel Island