

Plant Name: Carex testacea prairie fire red switch
Common Name: Carex Testacea Prairie Fire

Plant Type: Grass

Colour: rosy flowers

Height: 30-40cm

Spread: 30-45cm



Species Data (applies to all plants in this Plant Species)

No Species data defined for this species

Plant Data (applies to THIS plant only)

Hardy Perennial.

Foliage: Olive green turning deep red, intensifies in summer
Height: 30 - 40cm (12 -16")
Spread: 30 - 45cm (12 -18")
Position: Full sun preferred.
Aspect: All aspects. Exposed or Sheltered
Soil: Light, moderately fertile, moist but well-drained soil.

Carex Prairie Fire is an outstanding specimen plant which is ideal for adding different colours and textures to your garden. A very ornamental grass, the attractive green bronze, fine leaved foliage erupts into colour like burning embers, quickly becoming established in borders or containers- In late summer, panicles of rosy flowers appear just above the foliage. Carex adapts to most soil types, they are excellent used to give texture in the perennial garden or as a small-scale ground cover. The foliage is outstanding planted with silver foliage plants, brightly coloured flowers or variegated grasses.

Plant in full sun, but keep well-watered during hot weather. Cut back to 10cm (4") in early spring as new growth appears.

Aftercare:

Cut back old foliage to 10cm (4") in spring as new growth appears in the centres of plants.

Feed in summer with single dressing of a dilute general fertiliser. Even without an annual feed, most grasses will put on a first-rate show. The more nitrogen grasses receive the greener and further they'll grow. Do not over do it...their spreading habit is fine in a field, but in a garden they may become too lush and the flower quality may suffer.

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Plant Uses:

Beds and borders, City, Containers, Cottage/Informal, Foliage, Prairie planting. Flower arrangements. Low Maintenance or Mediterranean