

Plant Name: *Hordeum jubatum* squirrel tail grass
Common Name: *Hordeum Jubatum* Squirrel Tail

Plant Type: Grass

Colour: silky, greyish panicles in ear

Height: 50cm

Spread: 15-22cm

Flowering Time: Flowers from May to Sep

Cutflower: Yes



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

jubatum

Plant Data (applies to THIS plant only)

Hardy Annual.

Foliage: Grey-green with purple tinge

Height: 50cm (20")

Spread: 15-22cm (6-9")

Position: Full Sun to partial shade

Aspect: All aspects. Exposed or Sheltered

Soil: Needs sharp drained soil

Hordeum jubatum: beautiful small grass that grows to 50cm (20in) high. It carries silky, greyish panicles in early and mid summer, which develop a reddish or purple tinge at the tips. Fantastic in massed groups, or around taller, more stately plants. Squirrel-Tail Grasses are the ultimate architectural plant, adding see-through effects, gentle rustling, autumn colour and winter shapes. They also tolerate a range of conditions, from gravel gardens to solid lumpy clay.

Aftercare:

Feed in spring like ordinary perennials, with a single dressing of a 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. This spreading habit is fine in a field, but in a garden they may become too lush and the flower quality may suffer.

Division:

Once the plant is established, divide in March to April. It is relatively easy to propagate by division. Do this in spring, not autumn, as some newly divided plants may rot before they've developed a good root system.

Drying:

Squirrel Tail Grass can be dried and make interesting focal or secondary flowers in dried arrangements.

To dry, gather when the heads have changed colour but before they

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start to break up, cut the flower at the height of bloom and hang upside down in a cool, dark place to dry. If dried correctly they will hold their colour well.

Plant Uses:

Architectural, Cottage/Informal Garden, Drought Resistant, Flower Arranging, Flowers Borders and Beds, Low Maintenance or Mediterranean.