

Plant Name: Melica transsilvanica red spire
Common Name: Transylvanian Pearl Grass

Plant Type: Grass Deciduous Perennial
Colour: Dark-red
Height: 1.5m
Spread: 0.5m

Flowering Time: Flowers from Jun to Aug



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

Plant Data (applies to THIS plant only)

Family: Poaceae (poh-AY-see-ee)
Genus: Melica (ME-lee-kuh)
Species: transsilvanica (trans-il-VAN-ik-uh)
Cultivar: Red Spires

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Botanical Name: Melica transsilvanica 'Red Spire'
Genus: Melica

Variety or Cultivar: 'Red Spire' ~ 'Red Spire' is a clump-forming herbaceous grass with arching, linear, light-green leaves that become auburn with age. In early summer, it bears deep red flower spikes on upright stems.

Cultivation: Plant in moderately fertile, moist, free-draining soil. Dislikes winter wet.

Suggested uses: City, Cottage/Informal, Beds and borders, Low Maintenance, Containers

Soil types: Chalky, Clay, Loamy, Sandy (will tolerate most soil types)

Soil drainage: Moist but well-drained, Well-drained

Soil pH: Acid, Alkaline, Neutral

Light: Partial Shade, Full Sun

Aspect: North, South, East, West

Exposure: Exposed or Sheltered

Hardiness: Hardy (H4)

Pests: Generally pest free

Diseases: Generally disease free

Pruning: Cut back in spring

Propagation method(s): Division, Seed

Skill rating: Beginner

Maintenance hours / year: 1

Melica transsilvanica 'Red Spire' is: Deciduous

Flower: Dark-red in Summer

Foliage: Light green in Spring; Light green in Summer; Light green,

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Reddish-brown in Autumn
Habit: Clump-forming, Spreading
Ultimate height (m): 1.5
Ultimate spread (m): 0.5
Time to maturity: 2-5 years