

**Plant Name:** Pennisetum setaceum ruepelii fountain grass AGM  
**Common Name:** Pennisetum Setaceum Ruepelii

**Plant Type:** Grass

**Colour:** Copper / Rose bracts bear show

**Height:** 50-70cm

**Spread:** 45-60cm

**Flowering Time:** Flowers from Jun to Nov

**Cutflower:** Yes



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

No Species data defined for this species

**Plant Data (applies to THIS plant only)**

Tender Perennial, treated as an Annual.

Flowers: Copper / Rose bracts. June to frost.

Foliage: Clump-forming, Green in Summer

Height: 50-70cm (20-26")

Spread: 45-60cm (18-24")

Position: Full sun to partial shade.

Aspect: All aspects. Exposed or Sheltered

Soil: Light, moderately fertile, moist but well-drained soil.

*P. setaceum* "Ruepelii" gives attractive clumps of graceful, arching leaves are lovely year 'round. Even more so when they bear showy, long fuzzy, coppery-rose heads which are gorgeous when they catch the sunlight.

It is one of the easiest and most visually stunning grasses to grow. The grassy clumps may initially disappoint you.....but then comes the gorgeous display of arching stems, each one ending in a perfectly formed fountains of dark awns. The flowers last throughout summer and well into winter. Carefree plants make a very interesting landscape accent. Blooms the first year, too.

It is a fairly tender perennial often used as an annual. It is hardy down to about -5°C, so if planted in a sheltered spot, should survive the winter.

**Aftercare:**

Cut back old foliage 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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**Drying:**

Cream Falls can be dried and make interesting focal or secondary flowers in dried arrangements. To dry, cut the flower at the height of bloom and hang upside down in a cool, dark place to dry.

**Plant Uses:**

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