

**Miscanthus sinensis ‘Gracillimus**

Miscanthus sinensis ‘Gracillimus’ is commonly known as Maiden Grass. It is a hardy ornamental grass that forms a large clump reaching approximately 1.5m in height. Narrow long green leaves with a silver mid rib give this plant a graceful swaying effect.

Miscanthus grows best in full sun but can cope in a part shade environment too. It is happy in a wide range of soils but develops best in a well drained soil. Ensure it has average water in the warm months and less in the cooler winter months. Once established, Miscanthus is drought and salt tolerant and a great specimen to use when correcting soil erosion problems. Miscanthus is also able to tolerate summer heat, humidity and air pollution.

In late summer copper-red flowers appear above the foliage, these turn into silvery-white plumes that last well into winter. Should you want to trim back cut foliage close to the ground in late winter before new foliage appears.

 Miscanthus attracts birds to a garden and is buck and rabbit resistant. The fine texture of Maiden Grass contrasts well with bold foliage in the garden. Use it as an accent plant, in containers and borders or as a hedge. It is perfect for use in coastal gardens or on sidewalks where high traffic pollution and harsh conditions occur.