Japanese Forest Grass, Aureola Golden Variegated

Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Japanese Woodland Grass

Description:

A spreading ornamental grass that produces mounds of arching green and gold foliage; great for shady borders, beds and containers; can be used as shaded groundcover; easy to grow and low maintenance

Ornamental Features

Japanese Forest Grass, Aureola Golden Variegated is primarily valued in the garden for its cascading habit of growth. Its attractive grassy leaves are green in color with showy gold variegation. The foliage often turns tan in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Japanese Forest Grass, Aureola Golden Variegated is a dense herbaceous perennial grass with a shapely form and gracefully arching stems. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Japanese Forest Grass, Aureola Golden Variegated is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting



Japanese Forest Grass, Aureola Golden Variegated
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Planting & Growing

Japanese Forest Grass, Aureola Golden Variegated will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



Japanese Forest Grass, Aureola Golden Variegated foliage
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Japanese Forest Grass, Aureola Golden Variegated is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.