

Pennisetum (Purple Fountain Grass)

Pennisetum setaceum 'Rubrum'



Full sun

3' – 5' x 1'- 3'

Clump forming

Reddish-purple foliage

Pinkish-purple

Seed heads, summer

Tender ornamental

Culture: Purple fountain grass is primarily grown as an annual in North Central Texas. It does best in full sun with evenly moist, well-drained soil. Plant nursery transplants in mid-spring.

Growth Habit: This grass grows in 3'-4' upright clumps of arching, rich reddish-purple leaves.

Bloom: In early to mid-summer, highly ornamental pinkish-purple seed heads emerge, growing 1'-2' above the foliage.

Notes: Purple fountain grass makes a dramatic vertical accent in beds or containers and is used for good summer/fall color. This attractive grass is tender and does not tolerate temperatures below 40 degrees. Cut it to the ground in winter, then dig it up and discard it or move it to a warm shelter site. This grass may act as a perennial in years with very mild winters.