

**Botanical Name:** *Calamagrostis x acutiflora* 'Karl Foerster'

**Common Name:** Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass

*Kal-ah-mah-GROS-tis eks ah-kew-ti-FLOR-ah*

**PERENNIAL**



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

**Family:** Poaceae

**Origin:** Eurasia

**Climate Zone:** USDA 4-9, Sunset 2B-24

**Mature Height:** 2-3 feet, flower stalks 5-6 feet

**Mature Width:** 1 ½ - 2 ½ feet

**Plant Type:** Grass

**Growth Habit:** Tight upright, arching grass clumps

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Flower Color/Details:** Handsome beige plumes turn wheat gold with age, persist into winter

**Flower Season:** Late spring, early summer

**Foliage:** Bright green narrow leaves

**Use:** Great for architectural structure in the garden, back border of perennial bed, massed for dramatic effect, screen, hedge, specimen plant, small spaces, container plant

**Floral:** Use fresh or dried plumes in arrangements

**Wildlife/Beneficials:** Attracts butterflies and beneficial insects

**Deer Resistant:** Yes

**Fire Resistant:** Yes

**Medicinal Uses/Edible:** Unknown

**Adverse Factors:** Unknown, non-invasive, sterile seeds, great substitute for invasive Pampas Grass

**Soil:** Adaptable, tolerates heavy clay, moist soil

**Exposure:** Full sun, light afternoon shade

**Water Requirements:** Low to Moderate

**WUCOLS Water Needs:** L ? M M ? ?

**Description:** Cool season clumping grass, also referred to as 'Stricta'. An exclamation point for the garden, especially beautiful when viewed backlit by sun, adds graceful swaying in the wind. Long lived. Grows quickly in cool spring and fall weather, going dormant in summer heat. Tolerates Black Walnut.

**Maintenance:** Cut to one-third the original height in late winter before spring growth appears. Deeper cutting delays growth. Divide in early spring every 2-3 years, if centers die back. Nitrogen fertilizer causes seedheads to flop over.



#1 Nursery Container