

Grasses

Our collection of Grasses offers year round sales opportunities ...

- Summer plug deliveries (week 28) from our Autumn Splendour range would be potted in the Summer for sales in the Autumn (October – November) or early Spring (March – May)
- Summer/Autumn sowings (July – November) would be potted late Summer/Autumn for sales the following Spring (March – May)
- Spring deliveries (week 14 – 16) or sowings (January – March) would be potted in the Spring for Summer/ early Autumn sales (mid-June – October).

Plant type: Perennial
Uses: Pot plant, mixed containers and garden
Plant height: 15 – 180cm

Sowing: See our Seed Catalogue for sowing instructions by variety

Approximate crop timing (mid season)

Sowing to transplanting Approx. 3 – 7 weeks
Sowing to saleable plant 8 – 25 weeks depending on crop period
Ball 104 plug week 14 – 16 Saleable plants in approx. 6 – 8 weeks
Ball 84 plug week 28 Saleable plants in approx. 6 – 8 weeks

Growing on:

Temperature Constant temperature of 18 – 20°C for the first two weeks to establish the plants, then grow on at 6 – 14°C (10°C optimum)

pH 6.0 – 7.0

Feeding Use a pot plant compost 15:10:20 at 1.5 kg/m³. Once established feed regularly with a balanced feed. Keep moist, avoid drying out. Provide good drainage.

Growth regulation No growth regulators required

Pack/Pot size Pot into 10 – 15cm pots for Summer/ Autumn sales
Pot into 9 – 11cm pots for early Spring sales

Advice Remove young plants from plug tray with care. Grow at 75 – 85% humidity to aid establishment and give 50% shade for first two weeks.

Common diseases Susceptible to diseases like damping off (Pythium or Rhizoctonia) and rust.

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Culture Information

Approximate timing guide for seed-raised grasses (Finished timings are to 'Green Plant' stage):

Variety	Garden foliage height (cm)	Days to germinate	Sowing to Plug (in weeks)	Plug to finish (in weeks)	Sowing to finish (in weeks)	Plug Availability
Anemanthele (Stipa) Sirocco	30 - 35	5 - 6	5 - 6	6 - 8	11 - 14	Ball 84 week 28
Carex Amazon Mist™	25	14 - 21	7	10 - 14	17 - 21	
Carex Bronco™	25	14 - 21	7	10 - 14	17 - 21	Ball 84 week 28
Carex Pheonix Green	50 - 60	7 - 10	5 - 7	6 - 7	11 - 14	
Carex Red Rooster™	60	14 - 21	7	10 - 14	17 - 21	
Cortaderia Pink/White Feather	120/ 180	4 - 8	8	10 - 12	18 - 20	
Corynephorus Spiky Blue™	20 - 25	3 - 6	6 - 7	6 - 7	12 - 14	
Deschampsia Zephyr	15 - 20	4 - 5	4 - 5	6 - 7	10 - 12	
Eragrostis Wind Dancer	70 - 90	2 - 3	3 - 4	5 - 6	8 - 11	
Festuca Festina™	15	14 - 21	7	8 - 10	15 - 17	Ball 84 week 28
Festuca Glauca	25	7 - 14	7 - 9	14 - 16	21 - 25	
Festuca Glaucantha	30	14 - 21	7 - 9	14 - 16	21 - 25	
Isolepis Live Wire	16 - 20	6	5	6 - 7	11 - 12	
Juncus Blue Arrow	90	7 - 8	6 - 7	6 - 7	12 - 14	
Juncus Blue Dart	35 - 40	7 - 8	6 - 7	7 - 8	13 - 15	
Juncus Javelin	120	5 - 6	5 - 6	5 - 6	10 - 12	
Juncus Starhead™	30	5 - 6	7	12 - 14	19 - 21	
Juncus Twister	30 - 35	7 - 8	7 - 9	6 - 7	13 - 16	
Koeleria Coolio™	15	14 - 21	7	8 - 10	15 - 17	
Lagurus Bunny Tails	20	14	3 - 4	6 - 7	9 - 11	
Luzula Starmaker	20 - 25	10 - 12	4 - 7	9 - 10	13 - 17	
Milium Flashlights	20 - 25	10 - 12	5 - 6	11 - 12	16 - 18	
Panicum Frosted Explosion	60 - 80	14 - 21	6	9 - 11	15 - 17	
Pennisetum Feathertop	60	3 - 6	4 - 5	10 - 11	14 - 16	
Pennisetum Fountain	60	3 - 6	4 - 5	14 - 15	18 - 20	
Stipa Pony Tails™	70	14 - 21	5	8 - 10	13 - 15	Ball 84 week 28
Zea Japonica	130	13	3 - 4	6 - 8	9 - 12	

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