

MISCANTHUS COMPARISON CHART

Miscanthus cultivars vary widely in their height, bloom time, and appearance. To help choose the best for your needs, we offer this quick comparison. It's ordered by height and lists key features. Where reseeding is a concern, choose cultivars that bloom late in the season; seeds are less likely to form and spread once frosts arrive. Or try Bandwidth, which was bred to be practically infertile.

<i>Miscanthus</i> cultivar	Height w/bloom	Bloom time	Habit	Foliage texture	Distinctive features
Bandwidth	3'	Late summer	Upright	Fine	Banded gold-green leaves; bred to be infertile; short
Little Kitten	3'	Late summer	Mounded	Fine	Small and charming habit fits in tight spaces
Little Miss	3'	Midsummer	Mounded	Fine-medium	Compact habit; red foliage; excellent fall color
Little Zebra	4'	Early fall	Mounded	Fine	Fast-growing, compact, striped yellow and green
Purpurascens	4'-4.5'	Midsummer	Upright	Medium	Beautiful red and orange foliage in fall
Adagio	5'	Late summer	Mounded	Fine-medium	Popular size and appealing habit; holds green color the longest
Morning Light	6'	Early fall	Vase form	Very fine	Elegant form and foliage; white variegation
Huron Sunrise	6'	Late summer	Upright arching	Medium	Profuse bloomer; cold hardy to Zone 4
Variegatus	6'	Early fall	Upright-vase	Bold	Bright green/white variegation on wide leaves
Graziella	7'	Late summer	Upright arching	Fine	More upright than 'Gracillimus', earlier flowers with a silvery bloom
Gracillimus	7'	Early fall	Vase form	Fine	Copper red flowers; late fall interest; elegant
Strictus	8'	Early fall	Upright	Bold	Excellent specimen plant; year-round interest
Zebrinus	8'	Early fall	Upright -loose	Bold	Largest <i>Miscanthus</i> with horizontal variegation; excellent focal point
<i>M. x giganteus</i>	12'	Early fall	Upright	Bold	Excellent fall color; great backdrop or accent