

SWITCHGRASS QUICK GUIDE

The *Panicum* species and cultivars listed below are ornamental, North American native grasses. They're all good-looking, drought tolerant, and low maintenance. Which Switchgrass is right for you? Use this guide to help decide.

Ht. (ft.) w/ bloom	Panicum species & cultivars	Habit	Foliage	Distinctive features
2.5	Cape Breeze	Upright arching	Green	Small size, short and compact; long-lasting green foliage; salt tolerant
3.5	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Upright	Green	Clouds of airy seed heads
4	Purple Tears	Upright	Green	Soft gray, flowering spikes with purple seed heads; neat habit
4	Rotstrahlbusch	Upright	Green, then red	Burgundy tipped leaves and seed heads in mid-late summer
4	Ruby Ribbons®	Upright	Blue green; wine red midsummer	Deep red fall color; lighter, more open look
4	Shenandoah	Upright	Green, then red	Starts green and colors up early summer; becomes dazzling red in fall
4.5	Summer Sunrise	Upright	Green	Narrow, upright habit; heavy bloom set with soft pink seed heads
5	Heavy Metal	Upright	Metallic blue	Dramatic color and shape; midsummer blooms
5.5	Northwind	Tight upright	Blue green	Stunning vertical accent; dependably upright
6	Dallas Blues	Upright vase	Bright blue	Wide blue leaves; pink-colored seed heads
8	Cloud Nine	Loose vase	Blue gray	Tall; deep gold color in fall; good substitute for large, exotic grasses
8	Thundercloud	Upright vase	Blue-green	Resists flopping under wind and rain; impressive panicles