

Adagio Maiden Grass (Miscanthus sinensis 'Adagio')

Arching a graceful 3 to 4 feet (.91 to 1.2 m.), the lovely grass is a dwarf maiden grass. Mature plants can have dozens of airy plumes starting out pink and fading to white. The foliage is also a standout. Blades are slender, silver green and turn orange, burgundy and gold in fall. The clumping form produces a fountain of leaves topped from summer to winter with the attractive plumes. The feathery inflorescences persist in winter, turning beige and dry, seed heads of interest to



several species of wild birds.

Plant Care and Maintenance: This plant prefers full sun to part shade. However, in areas with less than 6 hours of sunlight the plant will tend to get floppy and blooms will diminish. Almost any soil from moist clay to dry, sandy compositions are acceptable. While the plant can tolerate short periods of drought, best growth comes in a moist location. Adagio spreads through rhizomes but usually keeps a tidy habit as it grows. In some gardens, the plant may become invasive and will self-seed. The seedlings are one way to grow more of this attractive plant but division is another. Divide plants in winter when they are dormant. Dig up the root mass and cut the plant into 2 or 3 sections, each equipped with roots. An organic mulch around the roots will protect plant roots

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