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Asian Rice

Oryza sativa

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 7

Description:

Originating on the Asian continent this grass was domesticated and diversified, producing one of the most important crops for humanity; an interesting addition to a water feature or pond edge

Ornamental Features

Asian Rice features subtle panicles of tan flowers at the ends of the stems in early summer. Its grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Asian Rice is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Asian Rice is ideally suited for growing in a pond, water garden or patio water container, and is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Water Gardens
- Container Planting

Asian Rice in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Asian Rice will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the water, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and tends to be biennial, meaning that it puts on vegetative growth the first year, flowers the second, and then dies. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. As an aquatic plant, it requires a suitable water garden environment and will benefit from special planting and ongoing care practices; consult one of our in-store experts for further details and instructions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.

Asian Rice foliage
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Asian Rice is a fine choice for the water garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in outdoor pots and containers, aquatic plants like this one will require a special growing environment that meets their requirement for consistent moisture.