Low Maintenance Ornamental Plants with Diverse Applications(Developed at the UGA Tifton Campus)

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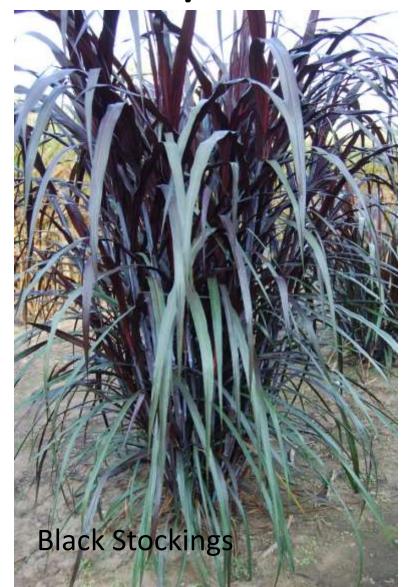
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Main Characteristics of

- Seed and/or Pollen sterile
- Relatively Disease and Insect free
- Tough perennial
- Low maintenance
- Low fertility requirements
- Vegetative propagation

Trispecific Pennisetum hybrids





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- Perennial to Atlanta
- Very vigorous as annuals (Canada)
- Heights from 2 to 8 feet
- 13 cultivars on the market- *Prince, Princess, Princess Caroline, Princess Molly, First Knight, Royal Lady, Regal Princess, Grand Dutchess, Majestic, Noble, Royal Prince, Black Stockings, and Vertigo.*

Pennisetum alopecuroides





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- Perennial in Blairsville, Ga but will go further north
- Height– 2 to 4 feet
- Five cultivars soon on the market-Hush Puppy, Etouffee, Cayenne, Jambalaya, and Praline
- On the market in 2018 (some available in 2017)

Miscanthus sinensis- Scout[™]





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- Tested in Blairsville, GA, but should be adapted to northern US also.
- No Seed (almost)!!!!
- Height– 6 to 7 feet
- On the market in 2017

The Following have ornamental potential, have been tested, but have not been released or licensed.

Little Bluestem--Native





Rubygrass- seedless



Dwarf Weeping Lovegrass-few heads



Pennisetum hohenackeri



Semidwarf Pennisetum orientale



Pride of Barbados



Coral Bean-native





Loblolly Pine—No Cones



Variegated China Berry-no seed



