Plant Finder

Silver Dragon Lily Turf

Liriope spicata 'Gin Ryu'



Silver Dragon Lily Turf
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Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 16 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Border Grass, Lilyturf

Description:

An ornamental grass-like perennial features a clump of arching, glossy, green and silver-cream variegated leaves; a lovely display of lilac flower spikes; it is best as an edging plant or massed as a groundcover

Ornamental Features

Silver Dragon Lily Turf is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features an abundance of magnificent black berries in early fall. Its attractive glossy grassy leaves remain green in color with showy silver variegation throughout the season. It features dainty spikes of lilac purple flowers rising above the foliage in late summer.

Landscape Attributes

Silver Dragon Lily Turf is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Silver Dragon Lily Turf is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

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Planting & Growing

Silver Dragon Lily Turf will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 16 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. 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 does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.