

# MISCANTHUS ALTERNATIVES CHART

As the industry reassesses the role of *Miscanthus* in designed landscapes, we know many designers and contractors still rely on its familiar forms, textures, and functions. To support thoughtful transitions, we've developed a *Miscanthus* Alternatives Chart featuring the three closest substitutes for each cultivar. These alternatives are selected based on size, habit, color, and design function—making it easy to identify reliable, landscape-ready replacements when a specific *Miscanthus* appears on a planting plan.

<i>Miscanthus</i> cultivar	Quick Facts	Alternatives
<b>Bandwidth</b>	Green-gold stripes, 3' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, upright habit, flowers late summer, Zones 5-9	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> 'Cape Breeze' (Green, 2'-3' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, flowers late summer Zones 4-9) <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> 'Chameleon' <sup>PP31339</sup> (Green-white variegated, 2' w/ blooms, sun, dry, flowers early fall, Zones 3-9) <i>Carex Feather Falls</i> <sup>TM ET CRX01 PP26199</sup> (Green-white variegated, 18", sun-part shade, dry-moist, flowers late spring, Zones 6-9)
<b>Little Kitten</b>	Green, 3' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, mound habit, flowers late summer, Zones 5-9	<i>Carex cherokeensis</i> (Green, 1.5'-2' w/ blooms, sun-part shade, average-wet, flowers late spring, Zones 6-9) <i>Bouteloua</i> x 'Zig Zag' <sup>TM PP36592</sup> (Blue green, 18" w/ blooms, Sun, dry-average, summer, Zones 4-10) <i>Sesleria autumnalis</i> (Green, 2' w/ blooms, sun-part shade, dry-average, flowers late summer, Zones 4-7)
<b>Little Zebra</b>	Green-gold stripes, 4' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, mound habit, flowers early fall, Zones 4-8	<i>Carex oshimensis</i> EverColor® 'Eversheen' <sup>PP25938</sup> (Lime-green variegated, 1', part sun-shade, dry-moist, flowers spring, Zones 6-8) <i>Carex muskingumensis</i> 'Ice Fountains' (Green-white variegated, 3', part sun-part shade, average-wet, flowers spring, Zones 3-9) <i>Calamagrostis</i> 'Cheju Do' (Green-white variegated, 5' w/ blooms, sun, dry-moist, flowers late spring, Zones 5-7)
<b>Purpurascens</b>	Green, 4'-4.5' w/ blooms, sun, average-moist, upright habit, flowers midsummer, Zones 5-9	<i>Panicum</i> 'Ruby Ribbons' (Blue-green, wine red, 4' w/ blooms, sun, dry-moist, flowers late summer, Zones 4-9) <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> 'Indian Steel' (Blue green, 5' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, flowers late summer, Zones 4-9) <i>Andropogon gerardii</i> 'Red October' <sup>PP26283</sup> (Green w/ red, 5'-6' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, flowers midsummer, Zones 3-9)
<b>Adagio</b>	Green, 5' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, mound habit, flowers late summer, Zones 5-9	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> 'Shenandoah' (Green, red, 4' w/ blooms, sun, dry-moist, flowers midsummer, Zones 4-10) <i>Andropogon gerardii</i> (Blue green, 5', 7' w/ blooms, sun, dry-moist, flowers midsummer, Zones 3-8) <i>Andropogon gerardii</i> 'Blackhawks' <sup>PP27949</sup> (Green, purple, 4-5' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, flowers midsummer, Zones 3-9)
<b>Morning Light</b>	Green-white variegated, 6' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, vase habit, flowers early fall, Zones 5-9	<i>Spartina bakeri</i> (Green, 5', inconspicuous flowers, sun, dry-wet, Zones 6-9) <i>Sporobolus wrightii</i> (Green, 6'-7' w/ blooms, sun, dry-wet, flowers early-midsummer, Zones 5-9) <i>Carex Feather Falls</i> <sup>TM ET CRX01 PP26199</sup> (Green-white variegated, 18", sun-part shade, dry-moist, flowers late spring, Zones 6-9)
<b>Huron Sunrise</b>	Green, 6' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, upright arching habit, flowers late summer, Zones 4-9	<i>Sporobolus wrightii</i> (Green, 6'-7' w/ blooms, sun, dry-wet, flowers early-midsummer, Zones 5-9) <i>Calamagrostis x acutiflora</i> 'Karl Foerster' (Green, 6' w/ blooms, sun-part sun, dry-moist, flowers late spring, Zones 4-7) <i>Andropogon glomeratus</i> (Green, 6' w/ blooms, sun, average-wet, flowers early fall, Zones 5-9)
<b>Variegatus</b>	Green-white variegated, 6' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, vase habit, flowers early fall, Zones 5-9	<i>Carex Feather Falls</i> <sup>TM ET CRX01 PP26199</sup> (Green-white variegated, 18", sun-part shade, dry-moist, flowers late spring, Zones 6-9) <i>Calamagrostis x acutiflora</i> 'Overdam' (Green-white variegated, 5' w/ blooms, sun, dry-moist, flowers spring, Zones 5-7) <i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i> 'White Cloud' (Green, 4-5' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, flowers late fall, Zones 7-10)
<b>Graziella</b>	Green, 7' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, Upright arching habit, flowers late summer, Zones 5-9	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> 'Northwind' (Blue green, 5.5' w/ blooms, sun, dry-moist, flowers early fall, Zones 4-9) <i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> (Green, 3' w/ blooms, sun, dry, flowers midsummer, Zones 4-9) <i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> (Green, 1.5' w/ blooms, sun-part shade, average-wet, flowers early summer, Zones 4-7)
<b>Gracillimus</b>	Green, 7' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, vase habit, flowers early fall, Zones 5-9	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> 'Thundercloud' <sup>PP20665</sup> (Blue green, 8' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, flowers midsummer, Zones 4-9) <i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i> (Green, 3.5' w/ blooms, sun, dry, flowers early fall, Zones 6-10) <i>Sporobolus wrightii</i> (Green, 6'-7' w/ blooms, sun, dry-wet, flowers early-midsummer, Zones 5-9)
<b>Strictus</b>	Green-gold stripes, 8' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, upright habit, flowers early fall, Zones 5-9	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> 'Cloud Nine' (Blue green, 8' w/ blooms, sun, average, flowers midsummer, Zones 4-9) <i>Calamagrostis x acutiflora</i> 'Eldorado' <sup>PP16486</sup> (Green-gold variegated, 6' w/ blooms, sun-part sun, dry-moist, flowers spring, Zones 4-8) <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> (Green, 6' w/ blooms, sun, dry, flowers late summer, Zones 4-9)
<b>Zebrinus</b>	Green-gold variegated, 8' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, upright, loose habit, flowers early fall, Zones 5-9	<i>Calamagrostis x acutiflora</i> 'Overdam' (Green-white variegated, 5' w/ blooms, sun, dry-moist, flowers spring, Zones 5-7) <i>Panicum virgatum</i> 'Thundercloud' <sup>PP20665</sup> (Blue green, 8' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, flowers midsummer, Zones 4-9) <i>Sporobolus wrightii</i> (Green, 6'-7' w/ blooms, sun, dry-wet, flowers early-midsummer, Zones 5-9)
<b>M. x giganteus</b>	Green, 12' w/ blooms, sun, dry-average, upright habit, flowers early fall, Zones 4-9	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> 'Cloud Nine' (Blue green, 8' w/ blooms, sun, average, flowers midsummer, Zones 4-9) <i>Andropogon gerardii</i> Karl's Cousin® (Green-blue, 7' w/ blooms, sun-part sun, dry-average, flowers midsummer, Zones 4-8) <i>Sporobolus wrightii</i> (Green, 6'-7' w/ blooms, sun, dry-wet, flowers early-midsummer, Zones 5-9)



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