Purple Lovegrass

*Eragrostis spectabilis*

Lovegrass grows wild in flatwoods, sandhills and prairies. As a native species it is an excellent choice for a wildlife-friendly landscape but it need not be confined to wild spaces. It makes an excellent border and accent plant and is very attractive in massed plantings. As is true of most warm season grasses, lovegrass is dormant in the winter. Lovegrass grows quickly and prefers hot and dry site conditions. It performs best in full sun, but can tolerate partial shade as well.

**Type:** perennial in zone 8 and higher

**USDA hardiness zones:** 8 through 11

**Uses:** border; mass planting; naturalizing; accent; wildlife planting; erosion control

**Origin:** native to Florida

**Height:** 1 to 3 feet  
**Spread:** 1 to 3 feet

**Plant spacing:** 24 to 36 inches

**Light requirement:** full sun to part shade

**Soil tolerances:** tolerates a range of soil conditions but does best in sandy soils

**Drought tolerance:** moderate

**Soil salt tolerances:** low

**Plant spacing:** 24 to 36 inches

**Invasive potential:** low

**Pest resistance:** susceptible to caterpillars

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