

Dwarf Fountain Grass

Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Little Bunny'

If you're looking for something different in your landscape, ornamental grasses can't be beat for their variety and versatility. Mention this diverse group of plants and you will evoke a variety of mental images for American gardeners. Ornamental grasses are a very popular group of plants which have become an integral part of many southern gardens. Little Bunny's foxtail flowers are only about 2 inches long and the foliage forms a neat little mound. It is excellent for mass plantings when garden scale is smaller. Ornamental grasses are very dynamic and do not maintain a permanent structure in the garden like most shrubs and trees. The size, shape, texture and color of grass will change with every season.

Type: perennial ornamental grass

USDA hardiness zones: 6 through 9

Uses: mass planting; specimen; ground cover; border

Origin: native to Florida

Height: 10 to 12 inches **Spread:** 12 to 24 inches

Plant spacing: 24 inches

Light requirement: plant grows in full sun to part shade

Soil tolerances: acidic; slightly alkaline; clay; sand; loam

Drought tolerance: moderate

Soil salt tolerances: unknown

Invasive potential: low

Pest resistance: no pests or diseases are of major concern

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