



Northern Sea Oats

Chasmanthium latifolium

Growing Information

- Sunlight: Part shade to shade. Tolerates more sun in wetter soils but prefers shade.
- Soils: Tolerates a wide range of soils.
- Bloom Time: July-September. Seed heads appear in the fall and persist into winter.
- Size: 4-10 inches high.

One of our most beautiful and adaptable ornamental grasses for fall and winter interest, and the only one with considerable shade tolerance. Will readily spread in richer, moist soils, but sticks to upright clumps in dry soils. Elegant drooping seed heads are a food source for birds and woodland mammals. Deer resistant, heat tolerant, and easy to divide and transplant.

Garden Companions

White Turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*); Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*); Blue Lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*); Appalachian False Goat's Beard (*Astilbe biternata*)

Nature Benefits

- Seedheads are late season food for small mammals and granivorous birds.
- Larval host for several species of skipper butterfly (family *Hesperiidae*)

Native Habitat

Riverbanks, floodplains, moist woodland slopes and edges.