Ornamental Grasses
and other deer-resistant plants

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Short, Sweet and Hardy!!

- Good for containers and ground covers

- This group should be reliably hardy in Zone 5 climates – some in Zone 4
Carex caryophyllea
‘Beatlemannia’
Carex morrowii ‘Variegata’
Hachonechloa macra 'Aureola'
Hakonochloa ‘All Gold’
*Imperata ‘Red Baron’*
*Japanese Blood Grass*
Imperata ‘Red Baron’
Medium Beauties

Great for perennial beds
Calamagrostis ‘Karl Foerster’
Feather Reed Grass
Calamagrostis ‘Avalanche’ as container plant without flowers
Calamagrostis brachytricha

- Fall-blooming
- Blooms in September
- Flower show is relatively short-lived
- Very attractive in bloom!
Chasmanthium latifolium
Northern Sea Oats
Miscanthus purpurascens
Flame Grass
Miscanthus ‘Graziella’
Panicum ‘Shenandoah’
Panicum virgatum ‘unknown’
Pennisetum ‘Hameln’
Hardy Fountain Grass
Pennisetum orientale ‘Karley Rose’
Little Bluestem
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*Schizachyrium scoparium* ‘The Blues’