



### Variegated Foxtail Grass

*Alopecurus pratensis 'Aureovariegatus'*

Height: 20 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: Meadow Foxtail

#### Ornamental Features

Variegated Foxtail Grass' attractive grassy leaves are green in colour with showy gold variegation. The foliage often turns yellow in fall. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

#### Landscape Attributes

Variegated Foxtail Grass is an herbaceous perennial grass with a shapely form and gracefully arching stems. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Variegated Foxtail Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

#### Planting & Growing

Variegated Foxtail Grass will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.



*Variegated Foxtail Grass foliage*  
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## Plant Finder

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.