

NOT-WANTED!

AMUR or CHINESE SILVER GRASS *Miscanthus species*

EARLY DETECTION & CONTROL WILL PREVENT INFESTATIONS!



Late Summer



Early Fall



Amur or Chinese silver grass; *Miscanthus sinensis*, *Miscanthus sacchariflorus* (incorrectly referred to as pampas grass) is a perennial, ornamental grass, 3-10' tall. These plants grow in a thick monoculture, excluding and replacing other beneficial species as they expand.



Leaf Vein

Leaves are up to 1" wide x 40" long with a prominent white mid-vein. *Miscanthus species* begin to bloom in late July to early August in central Minnesota. **Flowers** start out thin and shimmery; then become silky and/or plume-like. Seeds may remain on plants into winter.

M. sacchariflorus spreads primarily via **rhizomes**, forming dense stands. *M. sinensis* spreads by **seed**. Over 50 varieties exist. These species are now spreading into road sides, woodland borders, and open areas. *M. sacchariflorus* prefers to grow in wet places including in ditches, near stream, lake and wetland edges.

Avoid planting *Miscanthus* grasses. Instead, add showy, native grasses to your landscape that provide food and cover for wildlife; such as big bluestem, *Andropogon gerardii*; little bluestem, *Schizachyrium scoparium*; switch grass, *Panicum virgatum*; or Indian grass, *Sorghastrum nutans*.

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