

Molinia 'Crystal Veil' Crystal Veil Moor Grass

A newly patented Oudolf cultivar, Molinia 'Crystal Veil' (Crystal Veil Moor Grass) is an herbaceous perennial grass with low clumping foliage topped with tall flowering spikes up to 8' high. This creates a semi-transparent upright yet slightly cascading screen of bright green reaching stems with auburn branching inflorescences that subtly arch. Molinia 'Crystal Veil' is distinguished from its parent species and other cultivars with its impressive height and finely-textured flower spikes. Basal blades form a low foundational fountain-like shape 2-feet tall. The flowers are wind-pollinated so they are not showy, but in fall the branched panicles with tan seeds catch the autumn light beautifully. Molinia 'Crystal Veil' grows best in well-drained soils, but can tolerate both occasional flooding and occasional dry spells. It is a great visual addition to a mixed border, and prefers full sun to part shade.

Botanical Name: Molinia 'Crystal Veil'

Common Name: Crystal Veil Moor Grass

Family: Poaceae

Nativity: Not Native to US

USDA Zone: 4 to 8

Light Type: Full Sun to Part Shade

Soil Type: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Preferences: well-drained; can tolerate dry soils too

Soil Moisture: Medium to Wet

Typical height (ft): 6.5-8' (Foliage 2'; 6.5-8' in flower)

Typical width (ft): 1-3'

Foliage: Green

Bloom Time: August, September

Bloom: Green, brown

Ecological features: Fibrous roots provide erosion control

Tolerance of: Wet sites, occasional flooding, deer, some drought

Additional notes: New cultivar, limited information, stay tuned. Can be used in the landscape for massing, foundation, mixed border, patio/sidewalk, container

Companion plants: Coneflower (Echinacea spp.), Bee-balm (Monarda spp.), Mountain Fleece (Persicaria amplexicaulis), Sage (Salvia spp.), and Iron Butterfly Ironweed (Vernonia Lettermannii 'Iron Butterfly')

For more information see:

<https://www.futureplants.com/perennial-varieties/molinia-crystal-veil>

<https://patents.google.com/patent/USPP28519P2/en>

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plant form



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Seed heads



Molinia 'Crystal Veil'-5.jpg
fall contrast

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