

CORTADERIA 'Splendid Star'

Origin: Selected by a Cortaderia grower in Netherlands.

Species: *selloana*

Protection Status: US Plant Patent #16,277

Characteristics:

This ornamental grass, with its elegant, pendulous habit, makes an excellent container plant for patios, or in the rock garden and in the landscape. The golden, variegated foliage of '**Splendid Star**' creates beautiful seasonal interest when not in bloom. In the fall, silvery white plumes are magnificently displayed above the foliage. For the grower, finish time is average; approx. 9-12 months required for a division to reach saleable 3-gallon size. Requires neglect! Do not overhead feed, or use any chemicals on this low maintenance dream plant. No fungicides or PGRS are needed, and the plant will reject them if applied.

Hardiness: Hardy (USDA Zone 7-11)

Bloom: Silvery white plumes in fall.

Foliage: Glossy cream & green variegated foliage delightfully colored with soft peach to apricot autumnal tones.

Habit: Dwarf, spreading habit.

Propagation: Division or TC. *License required to propagate.*

Culture: Fertile well-drained soils in full sun to partial shade; minimal to moderate water requirements. Lightly trim to maintain shape.

Award: 2003 Gold Medal, Plantarium



showing the variegated foliage



mature plant