

LILY TURF

MONDO GRASS

Liriope muscari



Family:	Assssssparagus
Native to:	China, Taiwan, Japan
Hardiness Zones:	5 to 10
Bloom Time:	August to September
Height	1 to 1.50 feet
Spread:	.75 to 1.00 feet

HERBACEOUS PERENNIAL

Culture:

Easily grown in average, medium moisture, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Tolerates a wide range of light conditions and soils. Will grow in close to full shade, but will produce more elongated foliage and spread more slowly. Also has good tolerance for heat, humidity and drought. Foliage is evergreen in warm southern climates, but declines considerably in areas with cold winters. Cut foliage to the ground in late winter to early spring in preparation for new growth. *Liriope muscari*, commonly called lilyturf or blue lily turf, is a tufted, tuberous-rooted, grass-like perennial features clumps of strap-like, arching, glossy, dark green leaves. Clumps slowly expand by short stolons. Erect, showy flower spikes with tiered whorls of dense, violet-purple flowers rise above the leaves in late summer. Flowers give way to blackish berries which often persist into winter.

Did you know:

Genus name honors a Greek woodland nymph, Liriope, the mother of Narcissus.

The name means its flowers resemble grape hyacinth. The components of the name are derived from the Latin words for snake and beard, a reference to the spiky flowers.

As a lawn substitute in shady to partially sunny locations, it is a great sod alternative that never needs mowing.