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Elymus hystrix

Bottlebrush Grass



A lovely grass, with bright green foliage and graceful, pale green, brush-like flowers. Turns a light brown in early fall. Grows well in partial shade: such as in an open woodland. Also known as *Hystrix patula*.

Suggested companions: oaks (*Quercus* sp.), hickories (*Carya* sp.), hop-hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*), flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*), long-awned wood grass (*Brachyelytrum erectum*), wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*), calico aster (*Aster lateriflorus*), blue-stemmed goldenrod (*Solidago caesia*).

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Plant Type: Grass/Grasslike

Size: 4-5' H
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Woodland Margin
Forested Upland
Forested Wetland
Riverbanks

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Clay
Very Damp/Wet

Exposure: filtered
 shade

Flower Color:

Bloom Time:

Other Attributes:

Wildlife attracting
Bird attracting
Butterfly attracting

Plant in:

Groundcover: No