



***Calamagrostis canadensis* – Bluejoint Grass**

COMMON NAME: Bluejoint grass

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Calamagrostis canadensis* - This name comes from the Greek words: *Kalamos*, a mythological figure, god of the Meander River, and *agrostis* for grass.

FLOWER: Small and white.

BLOOMING PERIOD: June and July

SIZE: This grass reaches 2 to 5 feet in height.

BEHAVIOR: Spreads by creeping rhizomes.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Bluejoint grass is found in wet meadows, open woods, and along streambanks. It needs full sun, but can tolerate some shade if the soil is somewhat dry.

NATURAL RANGE: Widespread over all of Canada and Greenland and over most of the U.S. except for the Deep South from Texas to Florida.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Because of its shallow roots and rapid spread, it forms a good sod on wet sites. This grass does well in a transition area between garden and a natural landscape. It pairs well with Joe-Pye weed. Historically, this plant was an important food for bison and the Cree sometimes used it for mattresses.

SUGGESTED CARE: No special care is required, but it spreads aggressively so be careful in small areas. It should be cut in early spring before it starts to grow.

COMPANION PLANTS: Cord grass, tussock sedge, marsh aster, saw-tooth sunflower, gayfeather, marsh milkweed, Joe-pye weed.