



## Golden Variegated Hakone Grass

*Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola'*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Japanese Woodland Grass

### Ornamental Features

Golden Variegated Hakone Grass' attractive grassy leaves are green in color with showy gold variegation. The foliage often turns tan in fall. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

### Landscape Attributes

Golden Variegated Hakone Grass is a dense herbaceous perennial grass with a shapely form and gracefully arching stems. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Variegated Hakone Grass is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

### Planting & Growing

Golden Variegated Hakone Grass will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 years.



*Golden Variegated Hakone Grass*  
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*Golden Variegated Hakone Grass*  
foliage  
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This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Golden Variegated Hakone Grass is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.