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**Canyon Prince Giant Wild Rye**  
*Leymus condensatus* 'Canyon Prince'

Plant Height: 3 feet

Flower Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: *Elymus condensatus*, Lyme grass

**Description:**

The silver-blue, grassy foliage adds lovely texture to the garden and makes a fabulous accent in containers; its powder blue seed heads rise a foot above the foliage; great in xeriscapes

**Ornamental Features**

Canyon Prince Giant Wild Rye features airy powder blue flowers rising above the foliage in early summer. Its grassy leaves emerge grayish green in spring, turning silvery blue in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Canyon Prince Giant Wild Rye is an 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 is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Canyon Prince Giant Wild Rye is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Canyon Prince Giant Wild Rye*  
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*Canyon Prince Giant Wild Rye foliage*  
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- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Canyon Prince Giant Wild Rye will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity extending to 4 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Canyon Prince Giant Wild Rye is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.