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*Phalaris arundinacea* var. *picta*

[Synonyms : *Digraphis arundinacea* var. *picta*, *Phalaris americana* var. *picta*, *Phalaris arundinacea* var. *variegata*]

**GARDENERS' GARTERS** is a perennial grass. Native to Europe and North America it has arching, green and cream striped leaves and inconspicuous green or purple spikelets.

It is also known as *Mozga trzcinowata pstra* (Polish), *Randgräs* (Swedish), Ribbon grass, and *Viiruhelpi* (Finnish).

*Arundinacea* is derived from Latin *arundo* (reed) meaning 'reed-like'. *Picta* is Latin (painting, drawing) meaning 'painted or brightly coloured'.

The grass is cultivated widely as an ornamental plant (or occasionally ground cover).