

Umbrella Sedge - Plant



Sedges have edges, goes the old botanical rhyme, and that is the way to distinguish sedge from other ornamental grasses. The green sedge stalks are triangular and squared off at the corners.

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Description

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Umbrella sedges, ornamental grasses belonging to the Cyperaceae family, are herbaceous perennials commonly grown in backyard containers and water gardens. These aquatic plants flourish in the moist wetland soil at creeks and pond edges, and can help hold wet soil together, especially around water sources with sloping banks.

Umbrella sedges come in a variety of types, including a popular dwarf variety (*Cyperus albostriatus*) and the larger *Cyperus involucratus*. They tend to grow quickly, often overpowering their original planting location, and require some yearly trimming.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Umbrella Sedge, Umbrella Sedge, <i>Cyperus eragrostis</i> , tall flatsedge, nutgrass, tall nutgrass, umbrella sedge, chufa, Earth almond, zula nuts, edible galingale and pale galingale.	-	Early July through late August	6-25 inches.	Easy to grow.

Planting and care

Umbrella sedge can grow in standing moisture or in ponds as well as in perennial beds if watered regularly. It also is suitable for container growing, and you can grow it as a houseplant in cold winter areas. If you have limited garden space, plant it in a container before adding it to ponds or gardens to restrain its root growth.

Umbrella sedge can become invasive under the right conditions either by spreading its seeds or by forming clumps. When the clumps get too large or root-bound, unpot them or dig them up to divide them.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sun or partial shade.	-	Water regularly.	Warm.	Apply any organic fertilizers.

Caring for Umbrella Sedge

- The main concern about Cyperus houseplants is the moisture level and consistency.
- The umbrella houseplants must never be allowed to dry out.
- Apply a half dilution of fertilizer once per month during the growing season and suspend in winter.
- Watch for splashing on the leaves, as fungal diseases can spread in this manner.
- Propagating this plant is easy. Just take a 4- to 6-inch cutting and suspend it upside down in water.
- Roots will emerge and you can place the new plant in soil.
- Divide your houseplant every three years. Remove the plant from the pot and cut out the outside growth.
- Save and pot up this newer growth and discard the old central older plant.

Typical uses of Umbrella Sedge

Special features:

Ornamental use: Often cultivated as a garden ornamental, particularly in ponds and water features.

Medicinal use: The tubers are credited with astringent, diaphoretic, diuretic, dessicant, cordial and stomachic properties. A decoction of the tuber is used for washing hair, treating gonorrhea and syphilis. It is also given in diarrhea and for general weakness.

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