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## Dwarf Umbrella Plant



### Dwarf Umbrella Plant *Cyperus albobstriatus* 'Nanus'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

#### Description:

This is a highly adaptable dwarf groundcover variety, producing slender green stems with green bracts; perfect for pond side planting or in wet areas of the garden; doesn't mind being submerged at the base

#### Ornamental Features

Dwarf Umbrella Plant's attractive grassy leaves remain green in colour throughout the season on a plant with a spreading habit of growth.

#### Landscape Attributes

Dwarf Umbrella Plant is an herbaceous annual with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Dwarf Umbrella Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use
- Water Gardens
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Bog Gardens



*Dwarf Umbrella Plant*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Dwarf Umbrella Plant foliage*  
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### Planting & Growing

Dwarf Umbrella Plant will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, preferring to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some 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. 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.

Dwarf Umbrella Plant is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.