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Umbrella's Edge



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Cyperus scariosus

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Nut Grass, Cypriol, Nagarmotha

Description:

This variety is a semi-aquatic, grass-like plant producing a mound of green stems with green bracts; perfect for pond side planting or in wet areas of the garden; will tolerate drier conditions once established.

Ornamental Features

Umbrella's Edge's attractive grassy leaves emerge yellow in spring, turning green in color throughout the season on a plant with a mounded habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Umbrella's Edge is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

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.

Umbrella's Edge is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Umbrella's Edge foliage
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Planting & Growing

Umbrella's Edge will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. 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 prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, 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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Umbrella's Edge 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. 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.