Ice Ballet Sedge

Carex morrowii 'Ice Ballet'



Ice Ballet Sedge foliage
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Height: 12 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Creeping Japanese Sedge

Description:

This selection really pops in the landscape with deep blue-green blades, dramatically edged and striped in white; has an upright arching habit, creating a dense, compact clump that will slowly expand; great for shade areas; must have steady moisture

Ornamental Features

Ice Ballet Sedge is primarily valued in the garden for its cascading habit of growth. Its attractive grassy leaves are bluish-green in color with distinctive white edges. The foliage often turns brown in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Ice Ballet Sedge is an herbaceous evergreen perennial grass with a shapely form and gracefully arching stems. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Ice Ballet Sedge is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Ice Ballet Sedge will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 inches. 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 evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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.

Ice Ballet Sedge is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.