Variegated Japanese Sedge

Carex oshimensis



Variegated Japanese Sedge
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Height: 8 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Weeping Sedge, form. C. hachijoensis

Description:

A vigorous, mound forming evergreen plant featuring white to cream yellow foliage with deep green margins; makes quite a statement as a container plant, border edge, or massed as a groundcover

Ornamental Features

Variegated Japanese Sedge is primarily valued in the garden for its cascading habit of growth. Its attractive grassy leaves are creamy white in color with distinctive dark green edges and tinges of gold. The foliage often turns brown in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Japanese Sedge is an herbaceous evergreen perennial grass with a shapely form and gracefully arching stems. 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.

Variegated Japanese Sedge is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Variegated Japanese Sedge will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. 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 performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Variegated Japanese 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.