Burton's Blue Sedge

Carex flacca 'Burton's Blue'



Burton's Blue Sedge
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Height: 18 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Carex glauca

Description:

A vigorous sedge that is very adaptable and slow spreading; an upright, arching cultivar with attractive silver-blue foliage; great in full sun or under the shade of large trees; suitable for rock gardens or as a groundcover but must have sufficient water

Ornamental Features

Burton's Blue Sedge is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. Its attractive grassy leaves remain bluish-green in color with showy silvery blue variegation throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Burton's Blue Sedge is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial grass with a mounded form. 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.

Burton's Blue Sedge is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Burton's Blue Sedge will grow to be about 18 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 slow 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 full sun to partial 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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 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.