Remote Sedge

Carex remota



Remote Sedge
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Height: 15 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: European Meadow Sedge

Description:

A beautiful ornamental grass that is ideal for woodland areas with dappled sunlight; mounded thread-like foliage in compact clumps produce short, pale yellow flower spikes; adaptable, and easy to grow with little maintenance

Ornamental Features

Remote Sedge is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It features dainty spikes of buttery yellow flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early summer. Its attractive glossy threadlike leaves emerge light green in spring, turning forest green in color the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Remote Sedge is an open 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.

Remote Sedge is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Remote Sedge will grow to be about 15 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Remote 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 mass of flowers and 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.