Shiro-nakafu Broadleaf Sedge

Carex siderosticha 'Shiro-nakafu'



Shiro-nakafu Broadleaf Sedge foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Broad-Leaved Sedge

Description:

A wonderful low maintenance variety presenting strap-like, white foliage striped with lime green, with the white fading to pale yellow-green later in the season; slow-spreading, upright habit; an excellent choice for borders, beds and patio containers

Ornamental Features

Shiro-nakafu Broadleaf Sedge is primarily valued in the garden for its cascading habit of growth. Its attractive grassy leaves remain creamy white in color with prominent lime green stripes and tinges of buttery yellow throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Shiro-nakafu Broadleaf Sedge is a dense herbaceous perennial grass with a shapely form and gracefully arching stems. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

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;

- Suckering

Shiro-nakafu Broadleaf Sedge is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Shiro-nakafu Broadleaf Sedge will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

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 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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. 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.

Shiro-nakafu Broadleaf 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.