Little Prince Egyptian Papyrus

Cyperus papyrus 'Little Prince'



Little Prince Egyptian Papyrus flowers
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Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Dwarf Egyptian Papyrus

Description:

This variety is a semi-aquatic, grass-like plant producing towering green stems with large umbels; perfect for pond side planting or in moist gardens; doesn't mind being submerged a few inches

Ornamental Features

Little Prince Egyptian Papyrus' attractive grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the season on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Little Prince Egyptian Papyrus is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

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.

Little Prince Egyptian Papyrus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Water Gardens
- Container Planting
- Bog Gardens

Planting & Growing

Little Prince Egyptian Papyrus will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. It grows at a fast 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 full sun to partial shade. 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. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. 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.

Little Prince Egyptian Papyrus 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 larger 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.