Silk Tassels Sedge

Carex morrowii 'Silk Tassels'



Silk Tassels Sedge
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Height: 12 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Japanese Grass Sedge, Rush

Description:

Grown for delicate ornamental silver-variegated foliage that resembles tassels; great in a moist border in shade or sun, does not like to dry out; evergreen in some areas

Ornamental Features

Silk Tassels Sedge is primarily valued in the garden for its cascading habit of growth. Its attractive grassy leaves are emerald green in color with prominent silver stripes. The foliage often turns brown in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Silk Tassels 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.

Silk Tassels Sedge is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Silk Tassels Sedge will grow to be about 12 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 performs well in both full sun and full 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. 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.

Silk Tassels 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.