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Dwarf Umbrella Plant *Cyperus albostriatus 'Nanus'*

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Description:

This is a highly adaptable dwarf groundcover variety, producing slender green stems with green bracts; perfect for pond side planting or in wet areas of the garden; doesn't mind being submerged at the base

Ornamental Features

Dwarf Umbrella Plant's attractive grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the season on a plant with a spreading habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Dwarf Umbrella Plant is an herbaceous perennial with a low habit of growth, spreading atop the surface of the water. 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.

Dwarf Umbrella Plant is ideally suited for growing in a pond, water garden or patio water container, and is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Dwarf Umbrella Plant
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Dwarf Umbrella Plant foliage
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Planting & Growing

Dwarf Umbrella Plant will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the water, not requiring facer plants in front. 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. As an aquatic plant, it requires a suitable water garden environment and will benefit from special planting and ongoing care practices; consult one of our in-store experts for further details and instructions. 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.

Dwarf Umbrella Plant is a fine choice for the water garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when grown in outdoor pots and containers, aquatic plants like this one will require a special growing environment that meets their requirement for consistent moisture.