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Banana Boat Broadleaf Sedge

Carex siderosticha 'Banana Boat'

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Broad-Leaved Sedge

Description:

Grown for wide, grassy leaves; gold foliage with green edge; great in a moist border in shade or sun, does not like to dry out

Ornamental Features

Banana Boat Broadleaf Sedge's attractive grassy leaves remain gold in color with distinctive green edges throughout the season. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Banana Boat Broadleaf Sedge is an herbaceous perennial grass with a shapely form and gracefully arching stems. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer 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.

Banana Boat Broadleaf Sedge is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Banana Boat Broadleaf Sedge
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Banana Boat Broadleaf Sedge
foliage
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Planting & Growing

Banana Boat Broadleaf Sedge will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It is quite adaptable, preferring to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. 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.

Banana Boat 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.

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