

Botanical Name: Cyperus alternifolius

Common Name: Umbrella plant

Type of Plant: monocot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, vase shaped spreading plant forming a dense clump
of long stems topped by peculiar grassy foliage; resembles a large grassy clump

Height 4' Spread indefinite Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to partial shade

Soil any moist soil

Hardiness some frost (zones 8,9,12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves narrow, spreading, arranged like ribs of umbrella,
circular, stacked alternate

Flowers small clusters of greenish white flowers between leaf
nodes

Fruit small grain fruit

Propagation: seed, division of clump

Usage: grow in or out of water, near pools, containers, planters,
dry stream beds, small rock gardens -- for striking silhouette

Landscape Care:

Watering regular watering preferred; can grow in swampy conditions

Fertilizing none required

Pruning thin out old stalks to base, divide and replant

Pests/Diseases aphids

Special Conditions seed and spreading clumps can be very invasive

Origin: Madagascar Family: Cyperaceae