

Botanical Name: Scirpus cernuus

Common Name: Fiber optics plant

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Family Cyperaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape grasslike, sedge plant with fine, threadlike green stems;  
flowers at tips of stems give the plant a droopy, floppy appearance

Height to 12" Spread to 12" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial shade preferred

Soil takes average soil, but grows best in well-amended loamy soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 7-24)

Morphology:

Leaves thin, threadlike leaves, bright green, tipped by tiny flower  
spikes; to 12" long, 1/16" in diameter; most often loose and floppy

Flowers tiny brown spikes to 1/8" long held at the end of "leaves"

Fruit small cone-like capsule which is persistent throughout winter

Propagation: division

Usage: excellent near ponds, pools or water gardens; can be placed  
in shallow water; looks best where foliage can cascade over walls or rocks, or  
can be grown in hanging baskets

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering; does not tolerate dryness or drought

Fertilizing none required

Pruning shear back to crown each winter for best appearance

Pests/Diseases none

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Origin: Northern Europe, Brittain