

Cyperus alternifolius

(Umbrella Papyrus, Umbrella Plant)

Umbrella plant is a favorite element in tropical or subtropical pond- side gardens. Upright, evergreen perennial is native to Madagascar. The plant produces light green leaves where the leaflets are growing from the same spot . The pale brown flowers appear in the mid summer. Plant it in full sun or partial shade. It is adapted to wet or moist soil . Light frost will kill the plants.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Papyrus à feuilles alternes, Plante ombelle

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: Madagascar

Heat Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Mass Planting, Container, Cut Flowers / Arrangements, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Upright

Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m

Spread at Maturity: Less than 50 cm

Time to Ultimate Height: 1 to 2 Years

Notes

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Flower Image

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Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Coarse

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Green

Seasons: Summer

Fruit

Fruit Type: Caryopsis/Grain

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Summer

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Part, Shade

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Division

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