

Egyptian Papyrus



In ancient Egypt, the stems of this plant (considered by some authorities to be the bulrush of the Bible) were used to make a paper-like writing material also called papyrus.

Cyperus papyrus

- **Use:** This ornamental grass combines drama, grace and humor and makes a spectacular container garden plant. The plant can be planted in pots, along the waters edge of a pond, or even in a pond. Tolerates heat!
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full– part sun. The root ball can be submerged but it isn't necessary. If the plant is put into a pot I would suggest plugging the hole or holes in the bottom of the pot to keep as much water as possible in the pot. The crown of the plant should never be covered in water and in fact both of these varieties can thrive in water as shallow as a few inches. The purpose is to keep the bulk of the soil or root mass wet.
- **Growth:** Fast grower and can reach heights of 8-10' tall
- **Hardiness:** **Zone 8-11**; Tender Perennial, Not hardy enough to survive winters with freezing temperatures below 20 so would need protection. It is a very fast grower and will quickly grow to impressive size when re-planted in the spring.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Fringy fronds atop tall stiff stalks.
- **Flower:** Greenish-brown flower clusters appear at the ends of the rays. Flowers give way to brown, nut-like fruits.