

# Umbrella Grass



**A water garden friendly-grass that can be planted in the landscape as well**

## ***Cyperus involucratus***

- **Use:** An exotic-looking accent with bold vertical lines. Pendulous leaves sit like umbrellas atop strong upright stems. A fast growing plant that prefers moist growing conditions. 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 4-6' tall and 2-3' wide.
- **Hardiness:** **Zone 8/9- 12;** Annual/Tender Perennial Plants in Zones 8-9 will die back with frost, but may survive the winter and put out new foliage in spring if the roots remain unfrozen. Plants may be grown in containers at the margins of water gardens, pools or ponds.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Large heads of pendulous leaves; greenish flower spikelets can measure 1' across
- **Flower:** Greenish-brown flower clusters appear at the ends of the rays. Flowers give way to brown, nut-like fruits.