



Variegated Broadleaf Sedge

Carex siderosticha 'Variegata'

Height: 8 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Broad-Leaved Sedge

Ornamental Features

The Variegated Broadleaf Sedge's attractive grassy leaves emerge crimson in spring, turning chartreuse in color with showy white variegation throughout the season. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

The Variegated Broadleaf Sedge is a dense herbaceous perennial grass with a shapely form and gracefully arching stems. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

The Variegated Broadleaf Sedge is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting



Variegated Broadleaf Sedge foliage
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Planting & Growing

The Variegated Broadleaf Sedge will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It is quite adaptable, preferring to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

The Variegated Broadleaf Sedge is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.