New Zealand Hair Sedge

Carex comans 'Frosted Curls'



New Zealand Hair Sedge
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Description:

A beautiful ornamental grass that is ideal for softening the look of borders, beds and containers; mounded hair-like foliage turns silvery-white when mature; sun loving, thriving in moist soils; easy to grow, requiring little to no maintenance



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Ornamental Features

New Zealand Hair Sedge is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. Its attractive grassy leaves are olive green in color with prominent silver tips. The foliage often turns brown in fall.

Landscape Attributes

New Zealand Hair Sedge is an open herbaceous evergreen perennial grass with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

New Zealand Hair Sedge is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

New Zealand Hair Sedge will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. 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.

New Zealand Hair 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.