



New Zealand Hair Sedge, Frosted Curles

Carex comans 'Frosted Curles'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Sunlight: ☉ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Description:

silver-green narrow foliage, fountain-like growth, foliage is soft

Ornamental Features

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

Landscape Attributes

New Zealand Hair Sedge, Frosted Curles is an open herbaceous 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, Frosted Curles is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



New Zealand Hair Sedge, Frosted Curles
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Planting & Growing

New Zealand Hair Sedge, Frosted Curles 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 herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant performs well in both full sun and full 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 over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. 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, Frosted Curles 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.