

Botanical name:
Genus: Cyperus
Species: alternifolius

Common name (s):
Umbrella palm, Umbrella surge

Latin Family Name: Cyperaceae
English Family Name: Cyprus

The plant

Origin; country or region: The plant is native to West Africa, Madagascar and the Arabian Peninsula

Growth habit: Grows in wet, boggy soils

Flower description: Insignificant flowers in greenish-brown colour

Colour: Dark green

Blooming period and/or availability: Perennial

Stem: Tall green stem, strong but hollow

Leaf/Foliage Description: Showy, whorl of leaves resembling a raised umbrella

Bright green, grass-like leaves

Usage: A natural marshland plant

Frequently cultivated as an ornamental plant worldwide

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES :

Looks lovely when a few dozen are planted together

It is planted in gardens in the ground, pots and in pond

Works beautifully for a pond a landscaping works well for garden screening/partitioning

Relatively pest and insect free

WEAKNESS :

Leaves may get dry and yellow

(Scorch due to too much sun)

Sensitive to water and light



Frequently cultivated as an ornamental plant worldwide

It is planted in gardens in the ground, pots, in ponds and as a house plant

Care & Handling

Longevity: 5 year plus

Water requirements: Needs plenty of water

Light: Part shade to full shade

Leaves may scorch if grown in full sun or if exposed to hot, drying winds in hot summer climates

Nutrition requirements: Grows in wet, boggy soils.

Special care/remarks: The leaves are also used as cut foliage

