

Plant Name: Carex flagellifera Bronzita (F)
Common Name: Bronzita Sedge

Plant Type: Grass Herbaceous

Colour: Brown

Height: 35cm

Spread: 40cm



Species Data (applies to all plants in this Plant Species)

Species: buchananii

Plant Data (applies to THIS plant only)

Family: Cyperaceae (sy-peer-AY-see-ee)

Genus: Carex (KAR-eks)

Species: flagellifera (fla-gel-LEE-fer-uh)

Cultivar: Bronzita

This mop-top, pinkish bronze sedge is irresistibly cute. Both in form and colour, it is a distinctive addition to a sunny to partly shaded border. Individual plants stand out for their form. Massed as a ground cover, they provide a soft, neutral foil for companions like Heuchera 'Georga Peach'.

These are tough plants, that will grow in any soil with regular watering. We strongly suggest the addition of compost and Mycorrhizal Fungal cultures to support a soil life that will help Bronzita to give you the best possible display.

These are well established plants that will grow with great vigor in your garden.

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Exposure Sun to part shade

Soil Average

Water Regular to Ample

Narrow mid brown bronze leaves forming semi erect tussocks. Another good choice for Autumn containers. 35-40cm
Features red/bronze/brown foliage that has a floppy habit. Reaches a height of approximately 10"-12". Does best in full sun, but will tolerate partial shade. Excellent in containers

Category:

Ornamental Grasses and Bamboo

Height:

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6-12 in. (15-30 cm)

Spacing:
18-24 in. (45-60 cm)

Sun Exposure:
Full Sun
Sun to Partial Shade

Bloom Colour:
Inconspicuous/none

Foliage:
Grown for foliage
Herbaceous
Bronze-Green
Good Autumn Colour

Other details:
Average Water Needs; Water regularly; do not overwater

Soil pH requirements:
6.6 to 7.5 (neutral)

Propagation Methods:
By dividing the rootball

Seed Collecting:
N/A: plant does not set seed, flowers are sterile, or plants will not come true from seed

Plant Common Name
Bronzita Copperleaf Sedge, Copperleaf Sedge, Weeping Copper Sedge

General Description

This selection of a brown-leaved sedge native to New Zealand has narrow, slender, arching leaves growing in a dense mound that is upright in the center and cascading or weeping at the edges. The leaves are a uniform light brown, an unusual autumnal color for a plant that is growing actively. Though it much resembles an ornamental grass, it comes from a different family all together, and like many of its fellow sedges, is more versatile than grasses, being tolerant of both full sun and partial sun and moist to almost-wet soils. The tiny flowers appear in clusters atop long, whip-like stems (hence the species name *flagellifera*) in mid-summer. The leaves are evergreen in warm climates, perennial in colder climates, where they wither and brown in autumn. Remove them in winter to make way for the new leaves in spring.

Grow this plant in sun to partial shade in moist, well-drained soil. Use it for its contrasts of color, texture and habit in containers, mixed beds and mixed borders. Or plant it as edging for walkways, or massed as a groundcover. This sedge spreads slowly by rhizomes (underground stems) and one plant eventually becomes a colony of plants, a feature that makes it useful as a groundcover. Shearing the leaves prompts the rhizomes to spread faster, and can be done three or four times during the growing season

Characteristics
Plant Type Sedge or Rush
Sun Exposure Full Sun, Partial Sun, Partial Shade, Full Shade

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Height 2'-2' / 0.6m - 0.6m
Bloom Time Spring, Late Spring, Early Summer
Native To New Zealand

Growing Conditions
Soil pH Neutral
Soil Moisture Average
Soil type Clay, Loam
Tolerances Wet Site
Growth Rate Medium
Water Requirements Ample Water

Seasonal Interest Spring, Summer, Fall Autumn

Ornamental Features
Flower Interest Insignificant
Flower Colour Brown
Fruit Colour Sienna
Foliage Colour (Spring) Tan
Foliage Colour (Spring) Modifier Striped/Striated
Foliage Colour (Summer) Tan
Foliage Colour (Autumn) Tan
Fragrant Flower s No
Fragrant Fruit No
Fragrant Foliage No
Bark or Stem Fragrant No
Flower Petal Number Single
Repeat Bloomer Yes
Showy Fruit No
Edible Fruit Yes
Showy Foliage Yes
Foliage Texture Fine
Foliage Sheen Matte
Evergreen Yes
Showy Bark No
Special Characteristics
Usage Container, Edging, Groundcover, Mixed Border
Sharp or Has Thorns No
Invasive No
Self-Sowing No