

Plant Name: Carex pendula pendulous sedge
Common Name: hanging drooping weeping sedge

Plant Type: Grass Evergreen Perennial
Colour: Flushed red, Green
Height: 1.4m
Spread: 1.5m

Flowering Time: Flowers from May to Jun

Cutflower: Yes



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

Species: pendula

Plant Data (applies to THIS plant only)

Family: Cyperaceae (sy-peer-AY-see-ee)
Genus: Carex (KAR-eks)
Species: pendula (PEND-yoo-luh)

Carex pendula pendulous sedge, also known as hanging, drooping or weeping sedge is a large sedge of the genus Carex. It occurs in woodland, scrubland, hedges and beside streams, preferring damp, heavy clay soils. It is sometimes grown as a garden plant because of its distinctive appearance.

SpikesIt is native to western, central and southern parts of Europe occurring north to Sweden, Denmark and parts of Scotland where it reaches 58°N. It is also found in north-west Africa, the Azores, Madeira and parts of the Middle East. It has been introduced to New Zealand and has begun to spread into the wild in the USA where it has been recorded from Washington and Virginia.

It is a tall, perennial plant which forms large, dense tufts. It can grow to 1.8 metres, occasionally reaching 2.4 metres. The smooth stems are triangular in cross-section with rounded angles. The long, hairless leaves are yellowish-green above and glaucous below. They are 8-20 mm wide. The simple flowers are borne on long, drooping, catkin-like spikes. There are 1-2 male spikes at the top of the stem with usually 4-5 female spikes below them. The male spikes are 55-160 mm long while the females spikes are 50-260 mm long and 5-7 mm wide. The fruits are green-brown and 3-5 mm long with a 1-2.5 mm beak. The plant typically flowers from May to June and fruits from June to July.

Cultivation:Can be planted in moist, damp conditions.
Suggested uses:City, Cottage/Informal, Beds and borders, Waterside

Liven up those shady, damp areas of your garden with this very graceful plant with slender, arching stems from which hang long, russett coloured flower spikes reminiscent of catkins. The foliage is

Plant Name: Carex pendula pendulous sedge
Common Name: hanging drooping weeping sedge

also attractive forming a neat clump of mid-green sword-shaped leaves. A useful plant for the back of the border to add height and form. Very easy to grow from seed and excellent for dried flower arrangements.

Soil types:Clay, Loamy
Soil drainage:Moist but well-drained, Moisture-retentive
Soil pH:Acid, Alkaline, Neutral
Light:Partial Shade, Full Sun
Aspect:North, East, West
Exposure:Exposed or Sheltered
Hardiness:Hardy (H4)
Specific pest(s):Aphids
Pruning:Cut back after flowering.
Propagation method(s):Division, Seed
Skill rating:Beginner
Maintenance hours / year: 1
Carex pendula is:Evergreen
Flower:Flushed red, Green, Insignificant or absent in Summer
Foliage:Dark-green in Summer
Habit:Clump-forming
Ultimate height (m):1.4
Ultimate spread (m):1.5
Time to maturity:2-5 years