

Botanical Name: *Carex divulsa*
Common Name: European Gray Sedge
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PERENNIAL



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

Family: Cyperaceae
Origin: Europe
Climate Zone: USDA 4-10, Sunset 2b-9, 11-24
Mature Height: 1 ½ feet
Mature Width: 2 feet
Plant Type: Evergreen grass
Growth Habit: Low clumping, arching, mounding
Growth Rate: Fast
Flower Color/Details: Greenish, aging to brown flowers, green stems
Flower Season: Winter to spring
Bark: N/A
Fruit: N/A
Foliage: Dark green grass-like leaves, fine texture
Use: As a textural groundcover in native or rock garden, border, container or water garden, erosion control. Excellent for drainage basins or rain gardens as they can take both drought and inundation of water, good for dog yards
Floral: Unknown
Wildlife/Beneficials: Butterflies, birds love seeds
Deer Resistant: Yes
Fire Resistant: Yes, if watered moderately
Medicinal Uses/Edible: Unknown
Adverse Factors: May self-sow

Soil: Adaptable
Exposure: Light shade to full sun
Water Requirements: Moderate, drought tolerant when established
WUCOLS Water Needs: M M M M / M
UC Davis Arboretum All-Star: No
Description: Graceful flowing groundcover. Mass to mimic meadows or a less-manicured lawn substitute. Tolerates light foot traffic. Often referred to as Berkeley Sedge. Denser, more attractive year-round than *C. tumulicola*, Foothill Sedge.
Maintenance: Tough and carefree. When flowers turn brown, prune to avoid self-sowing, or surround with heavy mulch. Mow or prune semi-annually to manicure. Divide every 3-4 years in early spring.



#1 Nursery Container