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### Silver Sceptre Variegated Japanese Sedge

*Carex morrowii* 'Silver Sceptre'

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Japanese Grass Sedge, Rush

#### Description:

Grown for delicate ornamental light-green and cream variegated foliage; great in a moist border in shade or sun, does not like to dry out

#### Ornamental Features

Silver Sceptre Variegated Japanese Sedge is primarily valued in the garden for its cascading habit of growth. Its attractive grassy leaves remain light green in colour with distinctive creamy white edges throughout the year.

#### Landscape Attributes

Silver Sceptre Variegated Japanese Sedge is an herbaceous evergreen perennial grass with a shapely form and gracefully arching stems. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Silver Sceptre Variegated Japanese Sedge is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Silver Sceptre Variegated Japanese Sedge foliage*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Silver Sceptre Variegated Japanese Sedge will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 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 evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

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. 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.

Silver Sceptre Variegated Japanese Sedge 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. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

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