

Sensational Sedges

2025 Landscape & Grounds Maintenance Short Course

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1. Sensational Sedges, Olbrich Botanical Garden (OBG) - Madison, WI, Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*) **N (native)**
2. Why Sedges?
 - a. Groundcovers
 - b. Soil stabilization
 - c. Weed suppression
 - d. Turf alternatives
 - e. Low maintenance
 - f. Wide and diverse palette of options
 - g. Beautiful
 - h. Quaking sedge (*Carex brizoides*, 15"+)
3. Sedge Basics
 - a. Wide distribution
 - b. Over 2,000 species of sedges (*Carex*)
 - c. Cyperaceae family
 - d. Grass relatives (not "true" grasses)
 - e. "Sedges have edges"
 - f. Clumping or spreading
 - g. Bowles' golden sedge (*Carex elata* 'Aurea')
4. "Edges"
5. Turf
6. Sedge Mix at OBG (*C. radiata*, *C. rosea*, *C. pensylvanica*) **N** (all three)
7. Shady Components, White tinged sedge (*Carex albicans*, 20") **N**
8. Groundcovers
9. Accents
10. Lessons Learned...variegated riparian sedge (*Carex riparia* 'Variegata', 24")
11. Native sedge listing
12. Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*, 8") **N**
13. 'Straw Hat' Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*, 8") **N**
14. Wood's sedge (*Carex woodii*, 14") **N**
15. Remote sedge (*Carex remota*, 15")
16. Eastern star sedge (*Carex radiata*, 12") **N**
17. Brome-like sedge (*Carex bromoides*, 12") **N**
18. Ivory sedge (*Carex eburnea*, 10") **N**
19. Quaking sedge (*Carex brizoides*, 15"+)
20. White tinged sedge (*Carex albicans*, 20") **N**
21. Davall's sedge (*Carex davalliana*, 12")

22. Mountain sedge (*Carex montana*, 10")
23. Appalachian sedge (*Carex appalachica*, 10") **N**
24. 'Fresh Look' drooping sedge (*Carex pendula*, 36")
25. Blue sedge (*Carex flacca*, 18")
26. 'Blue Zinger' blue sedge (*Carex flacca*, 18")
27. 'Blue Danube' blue sedge (*Carex flacca*, 18")
28. Broad leaf sedge (*Carex platyphylla*, 12") **N**
29. Bunny Blue® creeping sedge (*Carex laxiculmis* 'Hobb', 12") **N**
30. Variegated creeping broad-leaved sedge (*Carex siderosticha* 'Variegata', 12")
31. 'Snow Cap' creeping variegated broad-leaved sedge (*Carex siderosticha*, 12")
32. Evercolor® Everest variegated Japanese sedge (*Carex oshimensis* 'CarFit01', 18")
33. 'Ice Cream' variegated Japanese sedge (*Carex oshimensis*, 12")
34. 'Snowline' variegated birdfoot sedge (*Carex conica*, 15")
35. 'Ice Dance' variegated Japanese sedge (*Carex morrowii*, 12")
36. 'Silver Sceptre' variegated Japanese sedge (*Carex morrowii*, 12")
37. 'Silk Tassel' variegated Japanese sedge (*Carex lanceolata*, 18")
38. Feather Falls™ variegated hybrid sedge (*Carex hybrida* 'ET CRX 01', 18")
39. 'Goldband' variegated Japanese sedge (*Carex morrowii*, 18")
40. Moon Falls™ variegated hybrid sedge (*Carex hybrida* 'ET CRX 904', 12")
41. 'Banana Boat' variegated broad-leaved sedge (*Carex siderosticha*, 12")
42. 'Baalayage' variegated black sedge (*Carex nigra*, 30") **N**
43. 'Evergold' variegated Japanese sedge (*Carex oshimensis*, 12")
44. EverColor® 'Eversheen' variegated Japanese sedge (*Carex oshimensis*, 18")
45. EverColor® 'Everlime' variegated Japanese sedge (*Carex oshimensis*, 12")
46. 'Grasshopper' variegated hybrid sedge (*Carex hybrida*, 18")
47. Bowles' golden sedge (*Carex elata* 'Aurea', 30")
48. EverColor® 'Everillo' variegated Japanese sedge (*Carex oshimensis*, 24")
49. Morningstar sedge (*Carex grayi*, 30") **N**
50. Palm sedge (*Carex muskingumensis*, 36") **N**
51. 'Oehme' variegated palm sedge (*Carex muskingumensis*, 24") **N**
52. 'Little Midge' compact palm sedge (*Carex muskingumensis*, 12") **N**
53. Plantain-leaf sedge (*Carex plantaginea*, 12") **N**
54. 'Bronzita' weeping brown sedge (*Carex flagellifera*, 16")
55. 'Toffee Twist' weeping brown sedge (*Carex flagellifera*, 24")
56. 'Bronco' leatherleaf sedge (*Carex comans*, 12")
57. New Zealand sedge (*Carex testacea*, 24")
58. 'Sparkler' variegated Chinese palm sedge (*Carex phyllocephala*, 24")
59. 'Amazon Mist' variegated leatherleaf sedge (*Carex comans*, 12")
60. Wrap-Up
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62. Edgerton Hospital and Health Services Healing Garden
63. Thank You!