

Pennsylvania Sedge

Carex pensylvanica



This sedge forms short clusters and spreads slowly by rhizomes to form a lush carpet. This thick mat of growth provides excellent seasonal cover for foraging small songbirds and the insects and other small animals they love to eat. Reddish-brown, thimble-like flowers top the narrow, fine textured leaves in spring. A number of birds and small mammals feed on the seeds. This native grass makes an excellent shade groundcover. Fine texture and fountaining habit give this sedge a soft appearance that is lovely as an underplanting for bolder shade perennials or on its own as a shade lawn. Great in containers.

Propagation: Start from seed. Divide clumps every few years.

Height: 8-10 inches

Spread: 12-18 inches.

Light: Part sun to full shade

Moisture: Medium moisture

Tolerance: Drought tolerant

Characteristics: Native, hardy, spreads to form ground cover

Bloom time: Spring

Bloom color: Wheat