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Firefox Leatherleaf Sedge

Carex buchananii 'Firefox'

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Buchanan's Sedge, Hair Sedge

Description:

A cool season evergreen grass featuring copper-red foliage with a spiky, upright habit; looks great as a specimen or container plant, perfect for rock gardens or tight landscape locations; color and habit persists well into winter



Firefox Leatherleaf Sedge foliage
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Ornamental Features

Firefox Leatherleaf Sedge is primarily valued in the garden for its interesting and distinctive form. Its attractive grassy leaves are red in color with showy coppery-bronze variegation and tinges of brown. As an added bonus, the foliage turns gorgeous shades of coppery-bronze, brown and tan in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Firefox Leatherleaf Sedge is an herbaceous evergreen perennial grass with an indistinguished habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Firefox Leatherleaf Sedge is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Firefox Leatherleaf Sedge will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. 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 7 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. 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.

Firefox Leatherleaf Sedge is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.