

**Plant Name:** *Cyperus alternifolius* umbrella plant  
**Common Name:** Umbrella Sedge, Umbrella Palm

**Plant Type:** Grass  
**Colour:** yellow  
**Height:** 60-90cm  
**Spread:** 60cm

**Flowering Time:** Flowers from Jun to Aug



**Species Data (applies to all plants in this Plant Species)**

No Species data defined for this species

**Plant Data (applies to THIS plant only)**

Long grassy foliage with green umbels. 60cm.  
*Cyperus alternifolius* is a native of the swamps of Madagascar. It is a relative of papyrus of the Nile river. The plant can grow to 3-5 feet if given plenty of water.

**Blooming Time:** Summer The flowers are a brownish spadix produced in the center of the leaves.

**Culture:** *Cyperus alternifolius* does best in a tropical environment, but quickly adapts to the home. Give the plant lots of water. Never let this plant dry out. The wetter the roots are, the more it thrives. It is best to put the pot inside another pot with water or grow it in an aquarium. Fertilize the plant monthly during the growing season with a balanced fertilizer diluted to 1/2 the strength recommended on the label. A rich peaty soil is best (2 parts peat moss to 1 part loam to 1 part sand).

*Cyperus alternifolius*, or Umbrella Plant, Umbrella Palm, or Umbrella Sedge, gets its name from the radically arranged leaf like bracts. It favors wet areas, including bank edges and ponds. The grasslike foliage of this houseplant radiates from a central stalk like the ribs of an umbrella. Umbrella plant is a water plant, requiring constant wet "feet." It thrives in bright light or light shade, but avoid placing it in direct summer sun.

Height 2 ft. to 3 ft.

Spread up to 2 ft

Habit upright

Soil moisture wet

Flower colour yellow

Bloom size .5 in. to .5 in.

Foliage color medium-green

Foliage size 2 ft. to 2 ft.

did you know? Umbrella plant is closely related to papyrus the paper

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plant of Biblical times.

general maintenance: Groom plants, removing yellowed foliage. Repot annually, and if desired, divide plants to propagate when repotting.

pests/diseases: Umbrella plant is relatively care free.

how to sow/plant: Grow in a pot filled with an all-purpose potting mix. Set plants at same level they grew in previous pot. The soil level should be 1/2 to 1 inch below rim of pot to provide a water reservoir when watering. Umbrella plant needs its roots constantly

moist: Place the pot in a saucer or larger pot filled with water.

water and fertilize: Keep soil constantly moist. During growing season, feed monthly with houseplant fertilizer, following label directions. Stop feeding in winter, when the plant is resting, but resume feeding in spring as days lengthen.

features: Attractive Flowers

Attractive Foliage

Wet Tolerant

garden uses: Containers

Indoors