

Carex for the Mid-Atlantic Region - Mt. Cuba Center Research Report

This chart was created using the data published in [Mt. Cuba Center's Carex for the Mid-Atlantic Region](#) research report that evaluated 65 *Carex* species and 5 cultivars. With the exception of the species' hardiness zones, which were added to help readers outside of the Mid-Atlantic region, none of Mt. Cuba Center's data were modified. We also opted for the use of symbols to create a more compact chart.

Carex species Top performers in bold	Common Names Top performers in bold	Hardiness Zones	Plant Size	Leaf Texture	Habit	Leaf retention	Floral Value	Showy Fruit	Exposure		Moisture		
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C. albicans	whitening sedge	3-8	•		●	●	✿	◊					
C. albursina	white bear sedge	4-8	•		●	●	✿	◊					
C. amphibola	eastern narrowleaf sedge	3-9	●		●	●	✿	◊	☀				
C. annectens	yellowfruit sedge	4-8	●		●	●	✿	◊	☀				
C. appalachica	Appalachian sedge	3-8	•		●	◐	*	◊					
C. barrattii	Barratt's sedge	4-8	●		●●●	◐	✿	◊					
C. bebbii	Bebb's sedge	3-7	●		●	◐	*	◊	☀				
C. bicknellii	Bicknell's sedge	3-7	●		●	◐	*	◊	☀				
C. blanda	eastern woodland sedge	4-8	•		●	●	✿	◊	☀				
C. brevior	shortbeak sedge	3-8	●		●	◐	*	◊	☀				
C. bromoides	brome-like sedge	3-9	●		●	●	✿	◊					
C. canescens var. disjuncta	silvery sedge	4-7	•		●	●	✿	◊	☀				
C. cherokeensis	Cherokee sedge	6-9	●		●	●	*	◊					
C. comosa	longhair sedge	4-9	●		●	●	✿	◊	☀				
C. crinita	fringed sedge	3-8	●		●	◐	✿	◊	☀				
C. cumberlandensis	Cumberland sedge	5-8	•		●	●	NA	NA					
C. cumberlandensis 'Jacksboro'	'Jacksboro' Cumberland sedge	5-8	•		●	●	NA	NA					
C. decomposita	cypress-knee sedge	5-8	●		●	●	✿	◊					
C. eburnea	bristleleaf sedge	2-8	•		●	●	*	◊					
C. emoryi	Emory's sedge	3-8	●		●●●	◐	✿	◊	☀				
C. flaccosperma	thinfuit sedge	5-8	●		●	●	*	◊					

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●	clumping
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<i>C. folliculata</i>	northern long sedge	3-8	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. gigantea</i>	giant sedge	6-10	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. glaucodea</i>	blues sedge	5-8	●		●	●	*						
<i>C. gracillima</i>	graceful sedge	3-8	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. gravida</i>	heavy sedge	3-8	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. grayi</i>	Gray's sedge	3-8	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. grisea</i>	inflated narrow-leaf sedge	3-8	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. gynandra</i>	nodding sedge	3-8	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. haydenii</i>	Hayden's sedge	3-7	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. hirtifolia</i>	hairy wood sedge	4-8	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. hystericina</i>	porcupine sedge	3-8	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. intumescens</i>	greater bladder sedge	3-9	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. jamesii</i>	James' sedge	4-8	●		●	●	*						
<i>C. jorii</i>	Joor's sedge	7-9	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. laxiculmis</i>	blue wood sedge	4-8	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. laxiculmis</i> 'Hobb'	'Hobb' Bunny Blue® sedge	4-8	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. laxiflora</i>	broad loose-flowered sedge	3-8	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. leavenworthii</i>	Leavenworth's sedge	4-8	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. lupuliformis</i>	false hop sedge	4-9	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. lurida</i>	shallow sedge	3-8	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. mitchelliana</i>	Mitchell's sedge	5-8	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. molesta</i>	field oval sedge	4-8	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. muehlenbergii</i>	Muhlenberg's sedge	4-8	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. muskingumensis</i>	palm sedge	4-8	●		●	●	*						
<i>C. muskingumensis</i> 'Little Midge'	'Little Midge' palm sedge	4-8	●		●	●	NA	NA					
<i>C. muskingumensis</i> 'Oehme'	'Oehme palm sedge	4-8	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. nigromarginata</i>	black-edged sedge	8-5	●		●	●	✿						
<i>C. normalis</i>	greater straw sedge	3-8	●		●	●	*						

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



































































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<i>C. planispicata</i>	flat-spiked sedge	8-5	•				*						
C. plantaginea	plantainleaf sedge	3-8	•										
<i>C. platyphylla</i>	broadleaf sedge	4-8	•										
<i>C. radiata</i>	eastern star sedge	3-8	•				*						
<i>C. retroflexa</i>	reflexed sedge	4-8	•				*						
<i>C. rosea</i>	rosy sedge	3-8	•				*						
<i>C. scabrata</i>	eastern rough sedge	3-7	•				*						
<i>C. scoparia</i>	broom sedge	3-8	•				*						
<i>C. silicea</i>	beach sedge	5-7	•										
<i>C. socialis</i>	low woodland sedge	5-8	•				*						
C. sprengeii	long-beaked sedge	3-7	•										
<i>C. squarrosa</i>	squarrose sedge	4-8	•										
<i>C. stipata</i> var. <i>maxima</i>	stalkgrain sedge	5-9	•										
C. stricta	tussock sedge	3-8	•										
<i>C. texensis</i>	Texas sedge	5-9	•				*						
<i>C. trichocarpa</i>	hairyfruit sedge	3-8	•				NA	NA					
<i>C. typhina</i>	cattail sedge	4-8	•										
<i>C. vulpinoidea</i>	fox sedge	3-8	•										
C. woodii	pretty sedge	4-8	•										




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