

# Carex



Carex comans 'Frosty Curls'

A member of the sedge (Cyperaceae) family, carex from afar may resemble grasses, but there are distinct differences. Their stems are solid and triangular with ridges running their length, while those of grasses are round and hollow. As the green or brown “flowers” are seldom showy, carex are usually grown for their foliage, which is highly diverse in color including greens, blues, yellows, browns, copper-bronzes and bold variegations. There is also a wide range of sizes ranging from a few inches high to about 5 feet. While some Carex provide fountains of fine foliage; others are broad-leaved and quite upright. The combination of their growth habit, foliage texture, and color make them ideal species for borders, containers, rock gardens, and water gardens.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Zones 4-9, 14-24. Partial shade inland, full sun near the coast. Most prefer consistently moist soil (drip irrigation highly recommended), but a few will require dry conditions, especially the New Zealand Sedges: *C. testacea*, *buchananii*, etc.

## Carex currently grown at El Nativo Growers, Inc.:

Carex albula .....	1-1½'H x 3-4'W, Sun/Partial Sun, N/A, Evergreen, Lt Green Foliage
Carex barbarae .....	1-2'H x 2+'W, Sun/Partial Sun, N/A, Evergreen, Green Foliage
Carex 'The Beatles' .....	½-1'H x 1-1½' W, Sun/Partial Sun, Brown, Evergreen, Deep Green Foliage
Carex berggrenii .....	2-4"H x 4-6"W, Partial Sun, N/A, Evergreen, Copper-Bronze Foliage
Carex buchananii .....	1-2'H x 1-2' W, Sun/Partial Sun, Brown, Evergreen, Copper Foliage
Carex buchananii 'Viridis' .....	1-2'H x 1-2'W, Sun, Brown, Evergreen, Grey-Green
Carex comans .....	1-1½'H x 3-4'W, Sun/Partial Sun, N/A, Evergreen, Light Green Foliage
Carex comans 'Frosty Curls' .....	1-1½'H x 1-2'W, Sun/Partial Sun, Brown, Evergreen, Lt Green Foliage
Carex comans 'Red' .....	1-1½'H x 1-2'W, Partial Sun, Brown, Evergreen, Reddish-Bronze Foliage
Carex conica 'Snowline' .....	2-4"H x 6-12"W, Partial Sun, Brown, Evergreen, Green w/White Edge Foliage
Carex dol. 'Kaga Nishiki' .....	1-2'H x 1-2'W, Sun/Partial Sun, N/A, Evergreen, Green w/Gold Edge Foliage
Carex elegantissima 'Variegata' .....	18-24"H x 18-24"W, Light Shade, N/A, Evergreen, Green w/Gold Edge Foliage
Carex flagellifera .....	2-3'H x 2-3'W, Sun/Partial Sun, Brown, Evergreen, Bronze Foliage
Carex glauca .....	½-1'H x ½-1½' W, Sun/Partial Sun, N/A, Evergreen, Blue-Grey Foliage
Carex grayi .....	1-2'H x 1-2'W, Sun/Partial Sun, N/A, Winter Dormant, Green Foliage
Carex hystericina .....	1-2'H x 1+'W, Sun/Partial Sun, N/A, Evergreen, Yellow-Green Foliage
Carex morrowii 'Variegata' .....	1-2'H x 1-2'W, Shade/Part Shade, Brown, Evergreen, Green w/White Edge Foliage
Carex muskingumensis .....	2-3'H x 2-3+'W, Partial Sun, Brown, Winter-dormant, Green Foliage
Carex ornithopoda 'Variegata' .....	4"H x 4-6"W, Sun/Partial Sun, N/A, Evergreen, Green w/White Edge Foliage
Carex oshimensis 'Everbrite' .....	½ -1'H x ½-1' W, Partial Sun, Brown, Evergreen, Cream w/Green Edge Foliage

# Carex (Continued)



Carex buchananii



Carex tumulicola



Carex flagellifera

## Carex currently grown at El Nativo Growers, Inc.: (continued)

- Carex pansa ..... ½-1'H x ½-1½'W, Sun/Partial Sun, Brown, Summer Dormant, Green Foliage
- Carex pendula ..... 1-2'H x 1-2'W, Partial Sun, Brown, Evergreen, Green Foliage
- Carex praegracilis ..... 1-2'H x 1-2'W, Sun/Shade, N/A, Evergreen, Green Foliage
- Carex remota ..... ½ -1'H x ½-1'W, Sun/Partial Sun, N/A, Evergreen, Green Foliage
- Carex rostrata ..... 1-4'H x 1-4'W, Sun/Partial Sun, Green/Brown, Semi-Dormant, Green Foliage
- Carex spissa ..... 3-5'H x 2'W, Sun/ Partial Sun, Yellow, Evergreen, Blue-Gray Foliage
- Carex testacea ..... 1-2'H x 1-2'W, Sun/Partial Sun, N/A, Evergreen, Copper Foliage
- Carex texensis ..... 4-6''H x 6-18''W, Sun/Partial Sun, Brown, Evergreen, Medium Green Foliage
- Carex tumulicola ..... ½ -1'H x ½-1'W, Sun/Partial Sun, Brown, Evergreen, Dark Green Foliage

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