

# Carex (Sedge)

**Location:** Zones 3 to 4, sun to shade, tolerates wet or dry conditions

**Shape:** Clumping to spreading

**Foliage:** Deep green to blue-green, grass-like

**Flowers:** Spring to summer

**Notes:** Carex are not technically a grass, but a grass-like plant called a sedge. They grow best in moist, somewhat shady sites and some varieties are semi-evergreen. Some varieties are native.

## **Blue Zinger • *Carex flauca* 'Blue Zinger'**

10-16" x 12-18"      Part sun/shade      Zone 4/5

Dense clump of blue-green grass-like foliage & greenish white flowerheads appear in May and June but are not particularly showy. Tolerates wet or dry soil.



## **Bowles Golden • *Carex elata* 'Bowles Golden'**

20-24" x 24-30"      Sun/part shade      Zone 4

Forms clumps of semi-evergreen, bright gold foliage with a thin green margin. Brown flowers are inconspicuous. Does well in wet or boggy locations.



## **Pensylvanica • *Carex pensylvanica***

8-10" x 12-18"      Part sun/shade      Zone 3

Low spreading groundcover with deep green, semi-evergreen foliage and unspectacular, whitish flower spikes in May and June. Tolerates wet or dry soil. Native.

