

Cyperus esculentus

Field Nut Sedge

Yellow Nut Sedge;
Chufa

Preferred Water Depth and Inundation Tolerance

Tolerates seasonal or occasional flooding, up to 1 foot deep.

Wildlife Value

Seeds are eaten by waterfowl and other wildlife. Also provides cover for reptiles, amphibians, and small mammals. Waterfowl also eat rhizomes.

Application/Zone

Used in lower and upper shoreline zones where water levels fluctuate.

Availability, Establishment, and Maintenance

- Available as seed, rootstock (tuber), or transplants.
- Grows readily from seed on moist soil (mudflats).
- Draw-down stimulates new growth from tubers.
- A common plant of farmed wet areas.

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1 - 2 feet

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Perennial sedge

Indicator Status

Facultative Wet

pH

5.0-7.5

Nutrient Load Tolerance

High

Salt Tolerance

Low

Siltation Tolerance

High

Flowering Color and Time

Yellow

Mid-July - August

Light Preference

Full sun

Seeding Rate

Not available

