


CAREX COMPARISON CHART

Carex	Native*	Max Height	Zone	Blade Width	Color	Characteristics/Habit	Exposure				Moisture		
							Shade	Part-shade	Part-sun	Sun	Dry	Average	Moist
<i>C. amphibola</i>	●	1.5'	3-9		Green	Bunching habit; widely adaptable	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>C. appalachica</i>	●	1'	3-8		Green	Similar to <i>C. pensylvanica</i> but has bunching habit	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>C. bicknellii</i>	●	3'	3-7		Green	Bunching habit; more tolerant of dry soils than other <i>Carex</i>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>C. buchananii</i> 'Red Rooster'		2'	7-9		Copper-bronze	Bunching, upright habit with arching foliage	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>C. cherokeensis</i>	●	1.5'	6-9		Green	Bunching; spreads via short rhizomes; reseeds heavily; mostly evergreen	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>C. comosa</i>	●	4'	4-9		Green	Bunching, with short rhizomes; showy seed heads similar to <i>C. lurida</i> , but green	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>C. crinita</i>	●	4'	3-8		Blue-green	Bunching habit; reseeds slowly to form colonies; hanging seed heads	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>C. divulsa</i>		1.5'	5-9		Green	Bunching habit; performs well under shade trees; widely adaptable	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>C. dolichostachya</i> 'Kaga Nishiki'		1'	5-9		Green w/gold margins	Bunching habit; needs moist soil in sun	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>C. eburnea</i>	●	1'	2-8		Green	Slowly rhizomatous, will reseed lightly; takes drier conditions with shade	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>C. elata</i> 'Aurea'		2'	5-8		Green-gold variegated	Bunching habit; thrives in up to 3" of water	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>C. flacca</i>		10"	4-8		Blue gray	Somewhat bunching; forms mat-like colonies via rhizomes	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<i>C. flacca</i> 'Blue Zinger'		10"	4-8		Blue-green	Bunching; forms colonies via rhizomes; more upright than species	■	■	■	■	■	■	■














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<i>C. frankii</i>	●	2'	5-8		Green	Bunching, rhizomatous spreader; spiky seed heads; food for waterfowl											
<i>C. grayi</i>	●	3'	3-9		Green	Bunching; spreads slowly via rhizomes and seed; very showy seed heads											
<i>C. laxiculmis</i> 'Hobb' Bunny Blue®	●	1'	5-9		Blue-green	Bunching habit; spreads slowly via rhizomes											
<i>C. lupulina</i>	●	4'	3-8		Green	Bunching habit, short rhizomes; showy, spiky seed heads											
<i>C. lurida</i>	●	3'	3-8		Green	Bunching habit; spiky seed heads similar to <i>C. comosa</i> , but yellow											
<i>C. morrowii</i> 'Ice Ballet' PP20228		1'	5-9		Green w/cream margins	Spreads vigorously via rhizomes; brighter than 'Ice Dance'											
<i>C. morrowii</i> 'Ice Dance'		1'	5-8		Green w/cream margins	Spreads vigorously via rhizomes; more subtle than 'Ice Ballet'											
<i>C. muskingumensis</i>	●	3'	4-8		Green	Palm-like foliage; spreads via rhizomes and seed; can take sun with moist soil											
<i>C. oshimensis</i> EverColor® Everest		1'	6-8		Green w/white margins	Bunching habit with full, arching foliage; a good grower											
<i>C. oshimensis</i> EverColor® 'Everillo'		1'	6-8		Yellow	Bunching habit with full, arching foliage; very showy and a good grower											
<i>C. oshimensis</i> EverColor® 'Everlime'		1'	6-8		Green w/lime margins	Bunching habit with full, arching foliage; a good grower; vivid tone-on-tone effect											
<i>C. oshimensis</i> EverColor® 'Eversheen'		1'	6-8		Lime yellow w/green margins	Neat flowing habit with full, arching foliage; a good grower											
<i>C. oshimensis</i> 'Evergold'		1'	6-8		Yellow w/green margins	Bunching habit with full, arching foliage; excellent low ground cover											

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<i>C. pensylvanica</i>	●	1'	4-8		Green	Forms mat-like colonies; excellent ground cover	■	■			■	■	■	
<i>C. plantaginea</i>	●	10"	3-8		Green	Very attractive, dimpled foliage; can reseed into colonies	■	■			■	■	■	
<i>C. rosea</i>	●	14"	3-8		Green	Bunching habit, short rhizomes; similar appearance to <i>C. appalachica</i>		■	■		■	■	■	
<i>C. 'Silver Sceptre'</i>		1'	5-9		Green w/white margins	Spreads slowly via rhizomes; good for shade	■						■	
<i>C. squarrosa</i>	●	3'	4-8		Green	Bunching habit; plump, spiky seed heads; tolerates wet shade	■	■	■	■			■	■
<i>C. stricta</i>	●	3'	4-8		Green	Large tussocks on wet sites, more rhizomatous when drier; tolerates seasonal flooding		■	■	■			■	■
<i>C. testacea 'Prairie Fire'</i>		1.5'	6-9		Green bronze w/orange tips	Upright habit with arching foliage				■			■	
<i>C. texensis</i>	●	1'	5-9		Green	Bunching habit, no conspicuous rhizomes; takes sun with more moisture		■	■		■	■	■	
<i>C. vulpinoidea</i>	●	3'	3-8		Green	Bunching; forms colonies via rhizomes; competitive, widespread species	■	■	■				■	■

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