

Common Name: Cyperus

Cyperus Alternifolius

Order: Poales

Family: Cyperaceae

Genus: Cyperus

Species:
Alternifolius



DESCRIPTION

- *Cyperus alternifolius*, the umbrella papyrus, umbrella sedge or umbrella palm, is a grass-like plant in the very large genus *Cyperus* of the sedge family *Cyperaceae*.
- The plant is native to West Africa, Madagascar and the Arabian Peninsula, but widely distributed throughout the world
- *Cyperus alternifolius* is frequently cultivated as an ornamental plant worldwide.
- It is planted in gardens in the ground, pots, in ponds, and as a houseplant.
- It is not hardy, and requires protection when temperatures fall below 5 °C (41 °F) It is propagated by dividing the roots and requires copious amounts of water.