



Characteristics

Conservation Plant Characteristics

Cyperus esculentus L.
yellow nutsedge
CYES

Summary

Duration	Perennial	Federal T/E Status	
Growth Habit	Graminoid	National Wetland Indicator	FAC, FACW
Native Status			

Morphology/Physiology

Active Growth Period	Summer and Fall	Fruit/Seed Conspicuous	No
After Harvest Regrowth Rate	Slow	Growth Form	Rhizomatous
Bloat	None	Growth Rate	Rapid
C:N Ratio	Medium	Height at Base Age, Maximum	
Coppice Potential	No	Height at Maturity	0.7
Fall Conspicuous	No	Known Allelopath	No
Fire Resistant	No	Leaf Retention	No
Flower Color	Green	Lifespan	Short
Flower Conspicuous	No	Low Growing Grass	No
Foliage Color	Green	Nitrogen Fixation	
Foliage Porosity Summer	Moderate	Resprout Ability	No
Foliage Porosity Winter	Porous	Shape and Orientation	Semi-Erect
Foliage Texture	Medium	Toxicity	None
Fruit/Seed Color	Yellow		

Growth Requirements

Adapted To Coarse Textured Soils	Yes	Moisture Use	Low
Adapted To Medium Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Minimum	5
Adapted To Fine Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Maximum	7
Anaerobic Tolerance	Low	Planting Density Per Acre, Minimum	11000
CaCO ₃ Tolerance	Medium	Planting Density Per Acre, Maximum	18000
Cold Stratification Required	Yes	Precipitation, Minimum	14
Drought Tolerance	Medium	Precipitation, Maximum	55
Fertility Requirement	Medium	Root Depth, Minimum	10
Fire Tolerance	Low	Salinity Tolerance	Low
Frost Free Days, Minimum	90	Shade Tolerance	Intolerant

Hedge Tolerance

None

Temperature, Minimum (°F)

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Reproduction

Bloom Period	Mid Summer	Propagated By Cuttings	No
Commercial Availability	Routinely Available	Propagated By Seed	No
Fruit/Seed Abundance	Medium	Propagated By Sod	No
Fruit/Seed Period Begin	Summer	Propagated By Sprigs	Yes
Fruit/Seed Period End	Fall	Propagated By Tubers	No
Fruit/Seed Persistence	Yes	Seed Per Pound	
Propagated By Bare Root	No	Seed Spread Rate	Slow
Propagated By Bulbs	No	Seedling Vigor	Low
Propagated By Container	No	Small Grain	No
Propagated By Corms	No	Vegetative Spread Rate	Rapid

Suitibility/Use

Berry/Nut/Seed Product	Yes	Palatable Browse Animal	
Christmas Tree Product	No	Palatable Graze Animal	
Fodder Product	No	Palatable Human	No
Fuelwood Product	None	Post Product	No
Lumber Product	No	Protein Potential	
Naval Store Product	No	Pulpwood Product	No
Nursery Stock Product	No	Veneer Product	No

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