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*Cyperus involucratus*

[Synonyms : *Cyperus alternifolius*, *Cyperus alternifolius* subsp. *flabelliformis*,  
*Cyperus flabelliformis*]

**UMBRELLA GRASS** is an evergreen sedge. Native to Africa, Madagascar, Mauritius and the French island of Réunion, it has yellowish-white flower spikelets.

It is also known as Nile grass, *Parasollsäv* (Swedish), Umbrella flat sedge, Umbrella palm, and Umbrella plant.

*Involucratus* is derived from Latin *involucrum* (covering) with reference to the petal- or leaf-like bracts normally found at the base of a flower cluster, usually in a ring or rings and only rarely single or paired.

Authorities believe umbrella grass was introduced to Europe in about 1780.