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Uniola paniculata

SEA OATS is a grass. Native to south-eastern North America it has arching plumes of small yellowish-brown spikelets.

It is also known as North American sea oats, and Seaside oats, Southern dune-grass.

Paniculata means ‘pyramidal flower clusters’.

The grass can be cultivated on sand dunes to stabilise them.

The arching plumes are familiar locally in dried flower arrangements.

Some authorities indicate that sea oats could be suitable for making paper.