

Umbrella Plant

Also called umbrella palm, umbrella sedge
(*Cyperus alternifolius*)

Shiny, narrow leaves form small umbrellas atop the slender grassy stems of umbrella plant. An aquatic plant, umbrella plant needs constant moisture. Dwarf varieties are easiest to grow. Do not confuse this plant with umbrella tree (schefflera).

Light

Place in high light (full sun) in winter and medium (bright indirect) light rest of year. Grows well if under artificial light 14 hours a day.

Water

Keep constantly wet by placing pot in water-filled saucer. Mist often. Raise humidity.

Temperature

Maintain average temperatures. Plant prefers cool temperatures (to mid-50s) at night.

Comments

Feed every 14 days with dilute acid solution during active growth. If plant looks bad, cut back to base. Propagate by leaf-bud cuttings (start in water), division, suckers, or seed.