**Carex scoparia**

**broom sedge**

- **Family**: Cyperaceae
- **Origin**: Native
- **WIS Code**: FACW  CoC  4

**DESCRIPTION**

Clump-forming sedge with tall, thin, upright stems about 1 m tall. The dense tight broom-shaped flower spikes that age to a tan to dark brown are a key character. The leaves are 1-3 mm wide and shorter than the stems. Stems have fibrous, brown sheaths at the base.

**FLOWERS AND FRUITS**

May to August. The numerous flower spikes are closely clustered near the stem tip. Female flower-cases (perigynia) are very long, lance-shaped and narrow in width.

**HABITAT**

Swamps, wet meadows, floodplain forests and stream banks.

**SIMILAR SPECIES**

*Carex tribuloides*, blunt broom sedge, has very similar flower spikes in habit and appearance, but this species is much leafier with six to 10 leaves per stem and with wider leaves (3-7 mm).