**Carex vulpinoidea**

*fox sedge*

- **Family**: Cyperaceae
- **Origin**: Native
- **WIS Code**: OBL, CoC 3

### DESCRIPTION
Clump-forming sedge with rough, stiff stems (30 to 90 cm tall), and thin, whitish sheaths. The leaves are 2-4 mm wide and longer than the stems. The numerous flower spikes are in dense clusters near the stem tip, and turn a brownish-yellow when mature. Hair-like bracts stick out from the crowded flower spikes.

### FLOWERS AND FRUITS
June to August. Female flower-cases (perigynia) are very small (2-3 mm long), oval to lance-shaped, and beaks taper to a point.

### HABITAT
Disturbed swampy areas, wet meadows, beaver ponds, and ditches.

### SIMILAR SPECIES
*Carex stipata*, stalk-grain sedge, differs in its hollow triangular stems that are easily crushed, and the larger perigynia (4-5 mm long). See the *C. stipata* page for more details. *Carex annectans*, yellow-fruited sedge, is similar, but not as common. Differences include flowering stems that are longer than the leaves, and perigynia with round bodies and very short pointed beaks.