



Carex vulpinoidea

fox sedge

Family Cyperaceae

Origin Native

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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

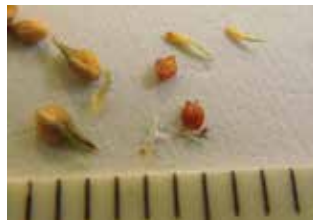
Carex stipata, stalk-grain sedge, differs in its hollow triangular stems that are easily crushed, and the larger perigynia (4-5 mm long). See the *C. stipata* page for more details. *Carex annectans*, yellow-fruited sedge, is similar, but not as common. Differences include flowering stems that are longer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



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