

Carex idaho

Cyperaceae
Idaho sedge

Dick Brainerd



Dick Brainerd



Dick Brainerd

Barbara L. Wilson



plants short (25-35 cm tall)

Inflorescence with three spikes, uppermost largest.

Perigynia with short beak, half the length of scales



Illustration by Charles Feddema.
From Manual of the Carices of the Rocky Mountains and Colorado Basin.
Courtesy of Montana Natural Heritage Program.

Stems 20-35 cm in clumps from short rhizomes. **Leaf** blades flat, 3-20 cm long and 2-4 mm wide, crowded at the base, old leaves conspicuous. **Inflorescence** clustered in usually 3 spikes, often all pistillate, uppermost larger than others, male flowers absent or scattered, the spikes form a narrow, interrupted head with small sheathless bracts at the top of the stems; scales are at least twice as long as the perigynia, brown with translucent margins and lighter center; perigynia numerous, yellow-green and glabrous, with a short beak. **Fruit** is a triangular achene with concave sides.

Lookalikes
Carex parryana

differs from featured plant by
its smaller terminal spike and scales that are equal to the perigynia and have a distinct green central stripe.

best survey times
J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D

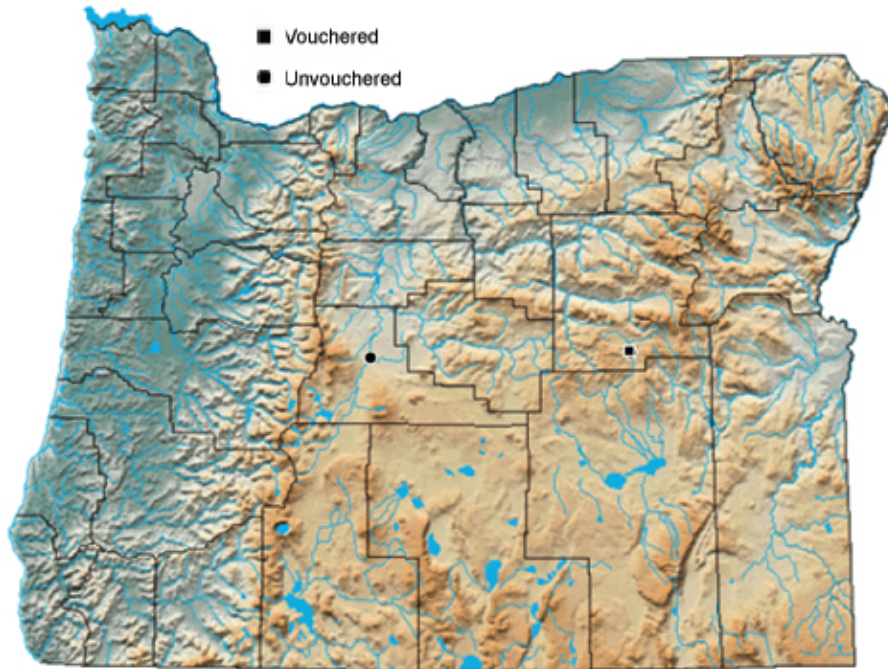


Carex idaho L.H. Bailey

Idaho sedge

PLANTS symbol: CAPA13

August 2019 status Federal:SOC; ORBIC: List 1



Distribution: Deschutes and Grant Counties, Oregon; also found in Montana and Idaho.

Habitat: Mountain meadows and moist riparian meadows.

Elevation: 1400—1700 m

Best survey time (flowering/fruitlet): June to September

Associated species:

Juncus balticus (Baltic rush)

Carex nebrascensis (Nebraska sedge)

Carex microptera (Small winged sedge)

Agrostis pallens (Dune bentgrass)

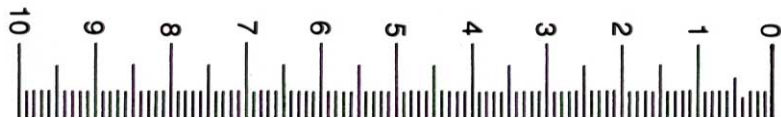
Juncus longistylis (Long styled rush)

Eleocharis quinqueflora (Few flowered spike rush)

Agoseris glauca (Pale agoseris)

Potentilla gracilis (Slender cinquefoil)

Phleum pratense (Cultivated timothy)



Oregon Flora

<https://oregonflora.org>

Published August 2019