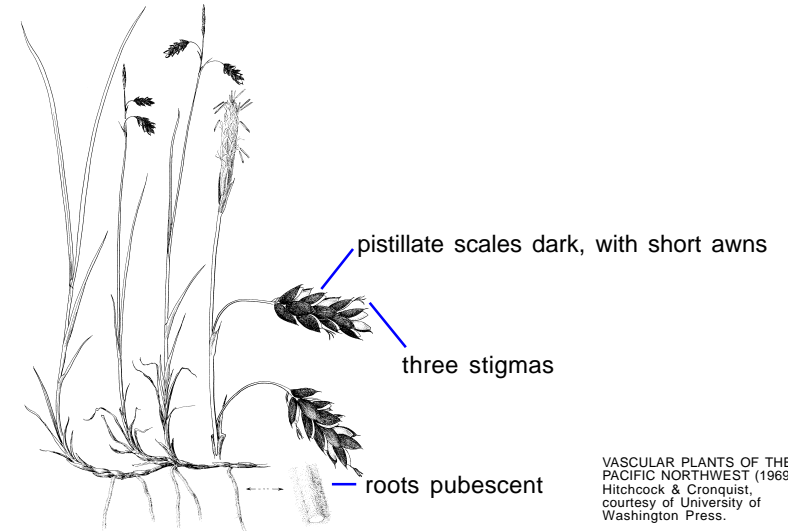
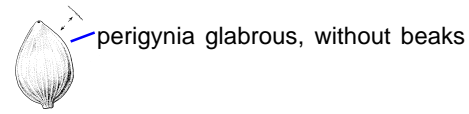


## *Carex pluriflora*

Cyperaceae

several flowered sedge



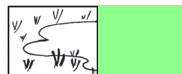
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**Roots** covered with a conspicuous, yellowish, felty tomentum. **Stems** 10-60 cm tall, arising singly or few together from long, creeping rhizomes, phyllopodic, more or less surrounded at base by the dried remains of old leaves. Leaves glabrous, flat, 2-4 mm wide, finely and densely white-papillate on the lower surface. **Inflorescence** of spikes: staminate spike terminal, solitary, 12-22 mm long, brownish or blackish; pistillate spikes 1-3, not crowded, nodding on well-developed, slender peduncles, mostly 1-2 cm long and 10-25-flowered, the lowest one subtended by a setaceous but greenish bract 5-20 mm long, this always shorter than the spike and usually shorter than the peduncle, with an expanded, scarious, whitish or colored base 2-4 mm long, but the margins not joined into a sheath; bracts of the other pistillate spikes with similar base but smaller blade; pistillate scales conspicuous, black or nearly so, tending to wrap around the lower part of the perigynium, shorter or longer than the perigynium, often with a short awn-tip up to ca. 1 mm long. **Perigynia** pale or sometimes blackish, glabrous but densely papillate, 3.0-4.4 mm long and 1.9-2.5 mm wide, beakless, evidently to obscurely 10-15-nerved, or only the marginal nerves visible; stigmas 3; achene trigonous, 1.7-2.5 mm long, rather loosely enveloped by the perigynium, the upper 1/5 to 1/3 of which is empty.

### Lookalikes

Other species in northwestern Oregon do not have the combination of dark pistillate scales, three stigmas, glabrous, bractless perigynia, pubescent roots, and pistillate scale awns less than 1 mm long. Sedges are difficult to identify and identifications should be confirmed by an experienced person.

best survey times  
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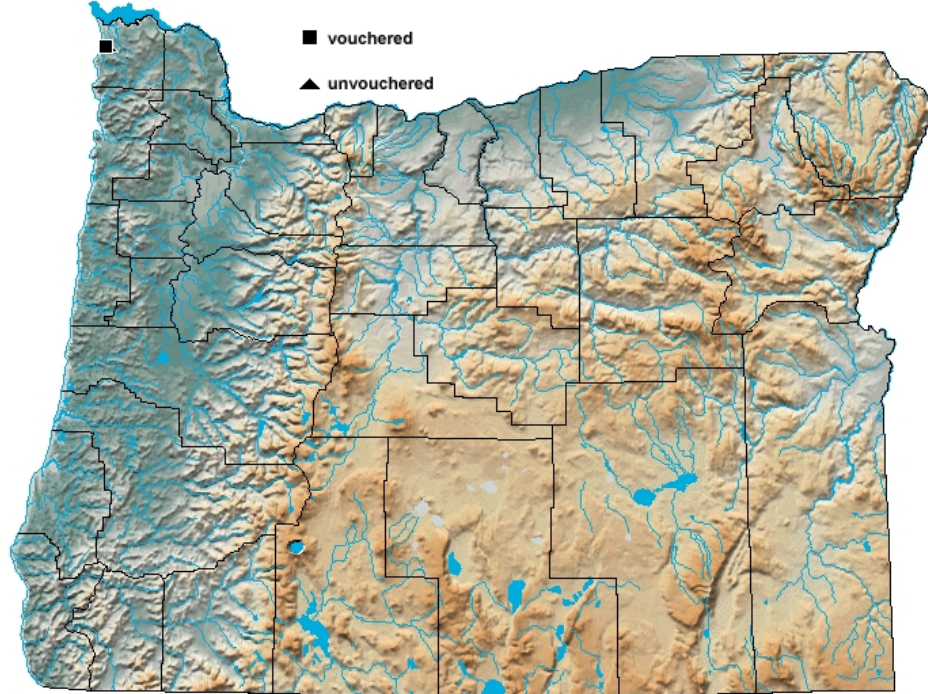


## *Carex pluriflora* Hultén

several flowered sedge PLANTS

symbol: CAPL6

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**Distribution:** Coastal lowlands of northwestern Oregon; Washington; Alaska; British Columbia.

**Habitat:** Freshwater or brackish marshes along coast.

**Elevation:** 0—50 m

**Best survey time(in fruit):** September

### Associated species

*Drosera rotundifolia* (sundew)

*Eriophorum chamissonis* (russet cottongrass)

