

CAREX ALOPECOIDEA Tuckerman
Northern Fox Sedge

FAMILY: Cyperaceae.

HABIT: Herbaceous perennial, culms clustered from a short rootstalk, 4-8 dm.; flowering and fruiting June-July.

SIMILAR SPECIES: Closely resembles other members of the section *Vulpinae*, especially *Carex conjuncta*; distinguished by a combination of perigynia and sheath characters.

TOTAL RANGE: Quebec and ME to MI, MN and Sask., s. to NJ, IN, and MO.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Lucas county. Pre-1980 records are from Hancock county.

HABITAT: Openings in wet woods and swamp forests.

HAZARDS: Draining of habitat; succession of openings.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown, probably poor.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect complete, mature specimens, including basal sheaths.

COMMENTS: This species may easily be overlooked due to its resemblance to other sedges. It should be sought in suitable habitats throughout northern Ohio.

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