

CAREX DEWEYANA Schwein  
Dewey's Sedge

FAMILY: Cyperaceae.

HABIT: Densely tufted from a short, upright rootstalk, fertile culms 2-12 dm. ; fruiting May-June.

SIMILAR SPECIES: Very similar in general appearance to the common *Carex bromoides*. In *C. deweyana*, the lowest spikelet is remote from the main portion of the inflorescence and is subtended by a long, setaceous bract that much exceeds the spikelet; in *C. bromoides*, the inflorescence is approximate and the bract subtending the lowest spikelet does not much exceed it. The inflorescence of *C. deweyana* has a silvery color, while that of *C. bromoides* has a brownish cast.

TOTAL RANGE: Lab. and Nfld. to B.C., s. to PA, OH, MI, IA, and CO.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): PORTAGE CO.: top of rocks, Nelson Ledges, 265 May 1923, R.J. Webb (KE, OS); top of rocks opposite Bancroft's Dance Hall, Nelson Ledges, 25 May 1923, R.J. Webb (YUO).

HABITAT: A variety of woods and thickets in moist to dry situations, often in beech-maple woods; Ohio specimens from dry woods and ledges.

HAZARDS: Unknown.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown, probably poor.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect complete, mature specimens.

COMMENTS: This species should be sought throughout northern Ohio. The habitat is common and this species easily can be mistaken for *Carex bromoides*. This species might well be discovered in Ohio.

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