CAREX FORMOSA Dewey
Handsome Sedge

FAMILY: Cyperaceae.

HABIT: Tufted perennial from a short, upright rootstalk, fertile culms 3-8 dm.; fruiting May, June.

SIMILAR SPECIES: Very similar to the common Carex davisii, differing in the short pistaillate scales lacking a distinct awn. In general appearance perhaps confused with the common C. gracillima and C. prasina, both of which have glabrous, rather than pubescent, foliage.

TOTAL RANGE: CT, s. Que., s. Ont., WI, MN, and ND, s. to n. OH.


HABITAT: Mesic woods, especially beech-maple woods.

HAZARDS: Unknown, but perhaps opening of forest canopy.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown, but probably poor.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect complete, mature specimens.

COMMENTS: This species should be sought throughout Ohio. The habitat is widespread and the plant is not conspicuous. Probably it is overlooked and other populations can be found.

SELECTED REFERENCES:


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