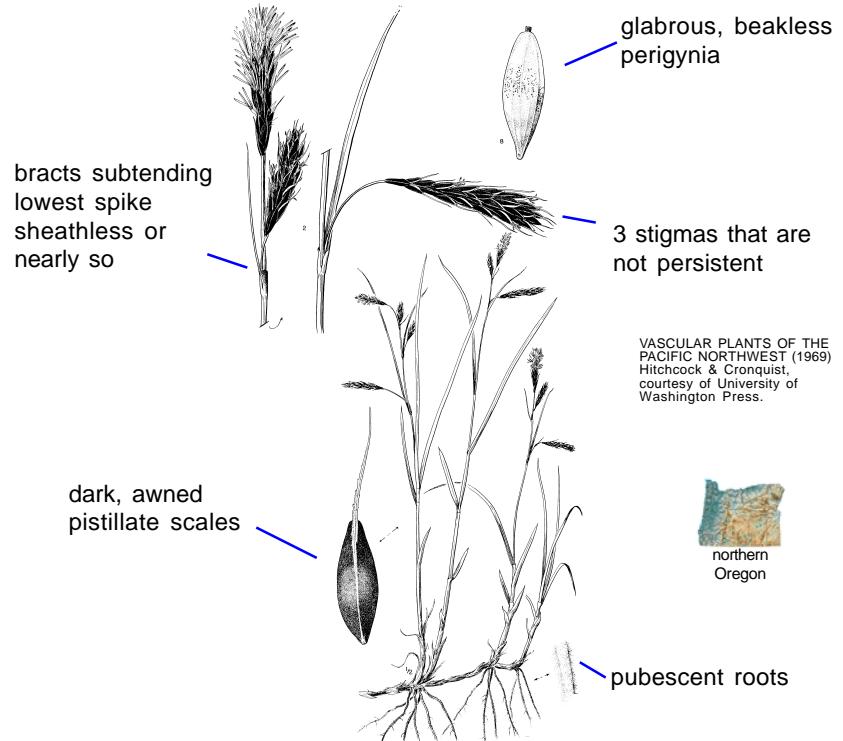


Carex macrochaeta

Cyperaceae

large awned sedge



Roots pubescent, covered with a yellowish-brown felt. **Stems** loosely clustered on a system of short, branching rhizomes, 10-70 cm tall, aphyllodic. **Leaves** rather few, flat, 2-5 mm wide, glabrous, evidently to obscurely white-papillate on the lower surface. **Inflorescence** a panicle of spikes. **Staminate spike** solitary (2-3), terminal, 1-3 cm long, with black or dark brown, awn-tipped scales. **Pistillate spikes** (1)2-4, not crowded, the lowest one loose or nodding on a slender, flexuous, often elongate peduncle; leafy bract subtending lowest spike shorter or longer than the inflorescence, sheathless or with a short sheath up to ca. 5 mm long; upper pistillate spikes shorter-pedunculate or subsessile, with shorter and less-foliaceous subtending bracts; pistillate scales black or sometimes merely dark purple or brown, often with a paler midvein, the body shorter or sometimes longer than the perigynium, usually narrower distally than the perigynium; longest awns over 2 mm long. **Perigynia** glabrous, narrow, commonly lance-elliptic, light green or sometimes partly or wholly dark purplish, 10- to 15-nerved, 3.3-4.8 mm long, beakless or with a very short beak seldom over 0.2 mm long; stigmas 3; achene trigonous, 1.7-2.3 mm long, loosely enclosed in the lower half or three-fifths of the perigynium.

Lookalikes

Carex spp.....
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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 over 2 mm long. Sedges are difficult to identify and identifications should be confirmed by an experienced person.

best survey times
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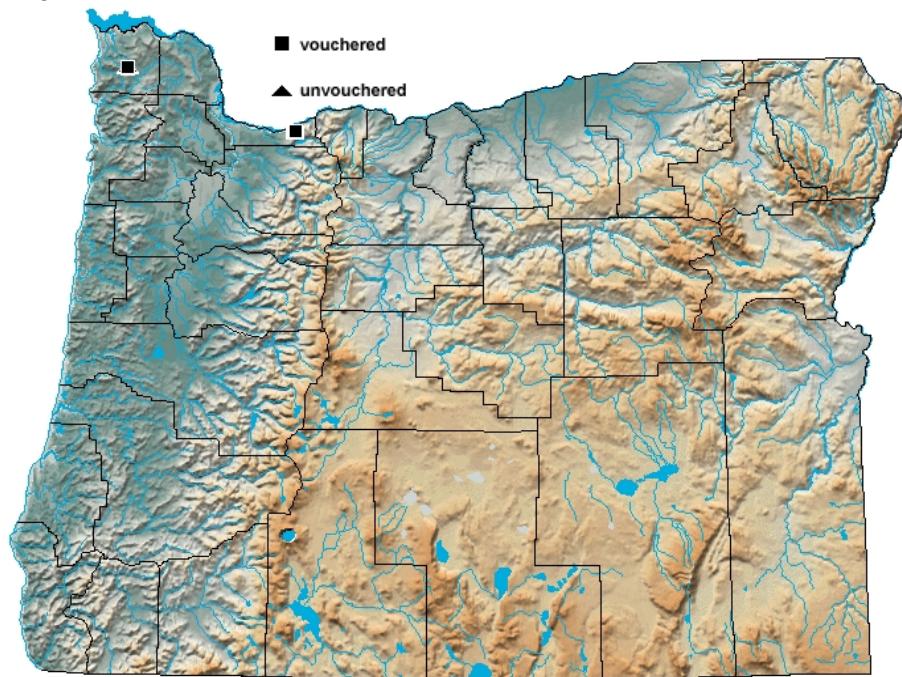


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Distribution: Columbia River Gorge, high elevation Coast Range peaks and Saddle Mountain; Alaska and eastern Asia.

Habitat: Moist or wet, open meadows; seeps, waterfall spray zones.

Elevation: 100—900 m

Best survey time(in fruit): June-August

Associated species:

Synthyridia schizantha (fringed synthyridia)

Adiantum aleuticum (maidenhair fern)

Aruncus dioicus (=sylvester) (goatsbeard)



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