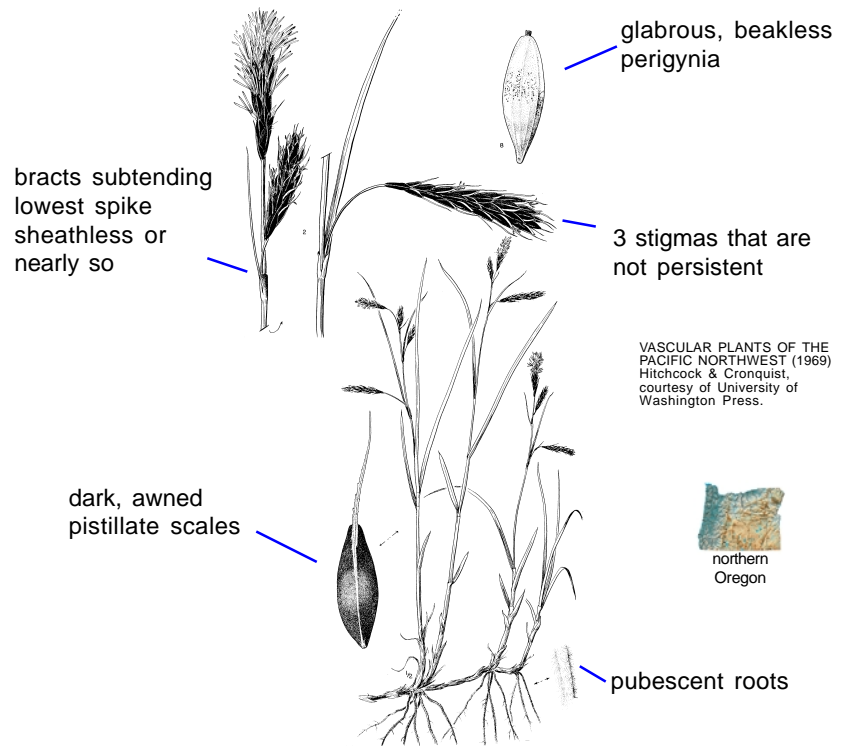


**Carex macrochaeta**

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, aphyllopodic. **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. ....  
(sedges)

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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.

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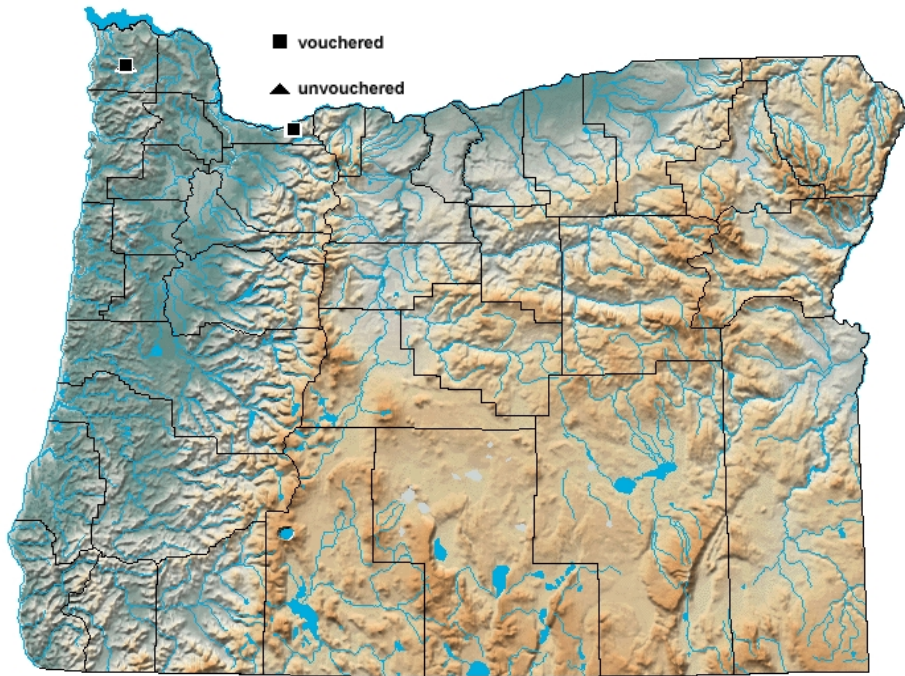


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PLANTS symbol: CAMA11

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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:**

*Synthyris schizantha* (fringed synthyris)

*Adiantum aleuticum* (maidenhair fern)

*Arunco dioicus* (=sylvester) (goatsbeard)

