



Beaked Sedge

Carex utriculata

Missoula native – perennial sedge

- 12-36 inches tall
- Coarse yellow-green foliage often over-topping flower clusters
- Forms large clumps or mats
- 1-4 inch flower green to brown spikelets, 2-4 male spikes at tip, 2-5 female below
- Blooms June to September
- Prefers wet sites, often found in standing water
- Full sun
- One of our largest and most common sedges



Elk Sedge

Carex geyeri

Missoula native sedge

- 6 – 12 inches tall in clumps
- Green grass partially evergreen
- Inconspicuous yellow flowers
- Blooms May to June
- Well-drained loamy soil
- Little water, drought tolerant once established
- Partial sun (usually found in open pine forests)
- Palatable to wildlife, especially elk, deer and bear



Inland Sedge

Carex interior

Missoula native sedge

- 8-20 inches tall
- Green foliage forms tussocks
- Spikelets with male flowers below, female above
- Blooms May to July
- Found in wet, organic soils of fens, meadows and swamps
- Heavy water
- Full sun



Merten's Sedge

Carex mertensii

Missoula native sedge

- 16-40 inches tall
- Loosely clustered green foliage
- 6-13 inch stalks with 1-3 inch draping flower spikelets
- Blooms July to August
- Found in moist open forests and along streams and roads
- Partial sun
- One of our most attractive sedges



Nebraska Sedge

Carex nebrascensis

Missoula native sedge

- 12-36 inches tall
- Bluish-green foliage
- 1-2 male green to light tan flower spikelets over several female
- Blooms June to August
- Prefers montane areas or higher elevations
- Found in wet meadows and along streams
- Forms large colonies
- Full sun



Sprengel's Sedge

Carex sprengelii

Eastern Montana native sedge

- 18-24 inches tall
- Linear, elongated green foliage
- 1-2 inch dangling flower spikelets
- Blooms June to July
- Moist soil on bottomlands and streambanks, occasionally on damp slopes
- Partial sun to shade
- Nice seed heads – a lovely ornamental plant!