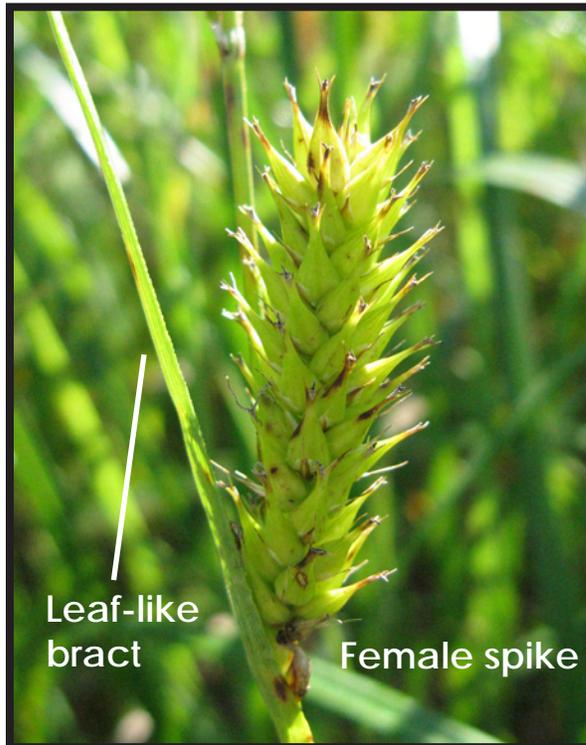


Slough sedge

Carex atherodes

Minnesota C-Value: 5
Wetland Indicator Status: OBL
Native



Leaves: Leaves 4-10 mm wide. Typically densely fuzzy sheaths. Leaf sheaths may lack hair if in standing water. Lower sheaths reddish, and shred into narrow fibers.

Stems: Stems have a red base. Stout and triangular, growing to 4 ft tall.

Flowers and fruit: 2-6 male spikes sitting above 2-4 female spikes, erect or nodding. Female spikes have a leaf-like bract that is longer than the stem. Female scales are thin, awn-tipped, translucent to brown in color and shorter than perigynia.

Plant communities: Shallow water, marshes, shrub-carr, swales, wet meadows, shorelines.

Comments: Perennial, may form dense colonies. Early in the season, may look similar to Lake sedge (*Carex lacustris*), which lacks a fuzzy sheath.