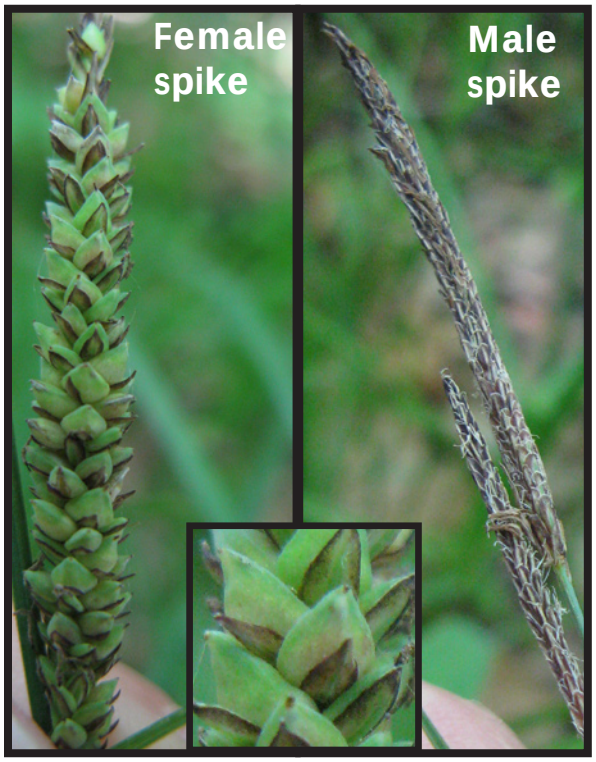
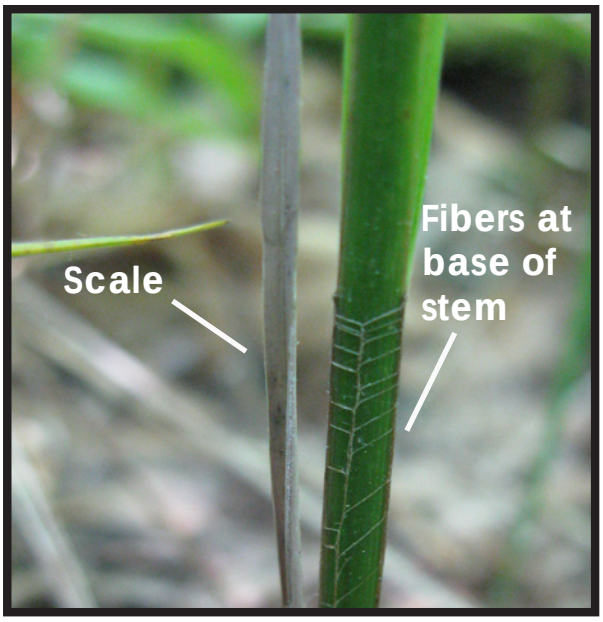
Tussock sedge
Carex stricta

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





Leaves: 2-6 mm wide. The lowest leaves reduced to brown scales. Lower sheaths have ladder-like strands up the base.

Stems: Triangular stems, rough to the touch, to 1-m in height.

Flowers and fruit: 1-3 narrow male spikes above the fruited female spikes (2-5 spikes). Female scales pointed or rounded at the tips, shorter than the perigynia, perigynia veinless.

Plant communities: Sedge meadows, shallow marshes, fens, shores, streambanks, ditches.

Comments: Perennial sedge also referred to as upright sedge or hummock sedge. Forms large tussocks over time 8 in. or more in height. Non-tussock forming sedges that may appear similar include *C. emoryi* (veins on peryginia), *C. aquatilis* (no brown leaf blade at base), *C, haydenii* (scale longer than perigynia).