

Eriophorum gracile

SLENDER COTTON GRASS



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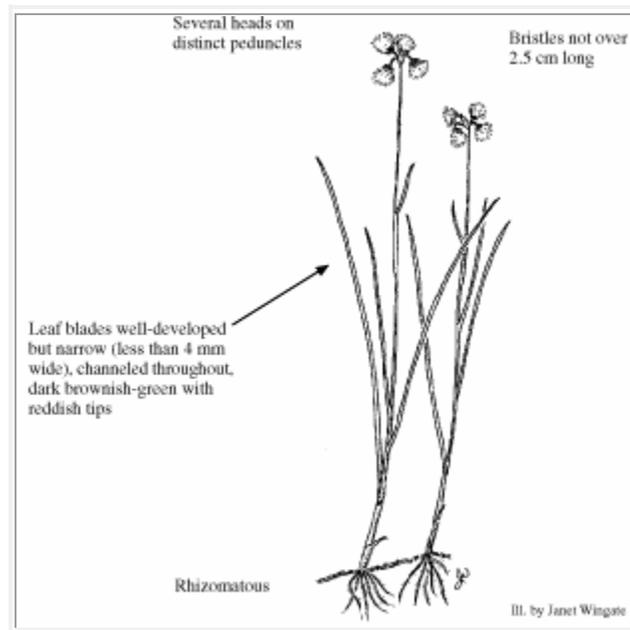


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Cyperaceae (Sedge Family)

Look Alikes: *E. gracile* often forms large uniform stands that are recognizable from a distance because of reddish leaf tips. *E. angustifolium* has wider leaves (greater than 4 mm) which are bright green. *E. altaicum* has solitary heads and lacks well developed leaf blades.

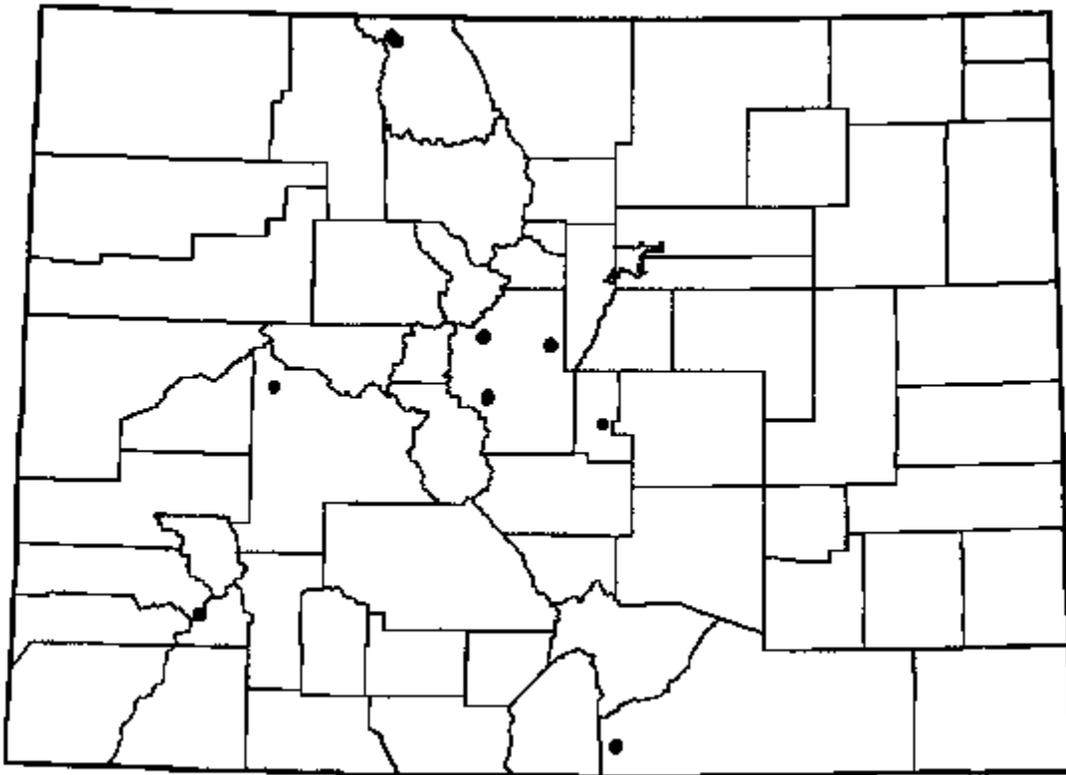
Flowering/Fruiting Period: Fruiting July-September.

Habitat: Fens, wet meadows, and pond edges. Elev. 8100-12,000 ft.



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Distribution: Eurasia; Alaska, east to Newfoundland, south to California, Nebraska, Illinois, Delaware. In Colorado in Gunnison, Huerfano, Jackson, Larimer, Las Animas and Park Cos.



References: Hultén 1968; Welsh 1974.

