

Carex leptalea

BRISTLE-STALK SEDGE



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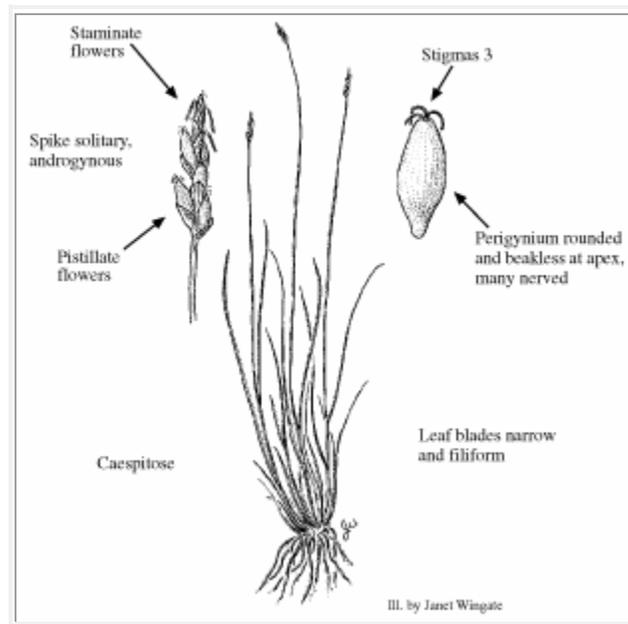


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Cyperaceae (Sedge Family)

Look Alikes: *C. tenuiflora* has more than one spike per head, and the spikes are broader. *C. dioica* var. *gynocrates* has fatter, reflexed perigynia. *C. geyeri* is a more robust plant with much broader leaves and only 1-3 conspicuous fat perigynia separated on the rachis from the staminate flowers.

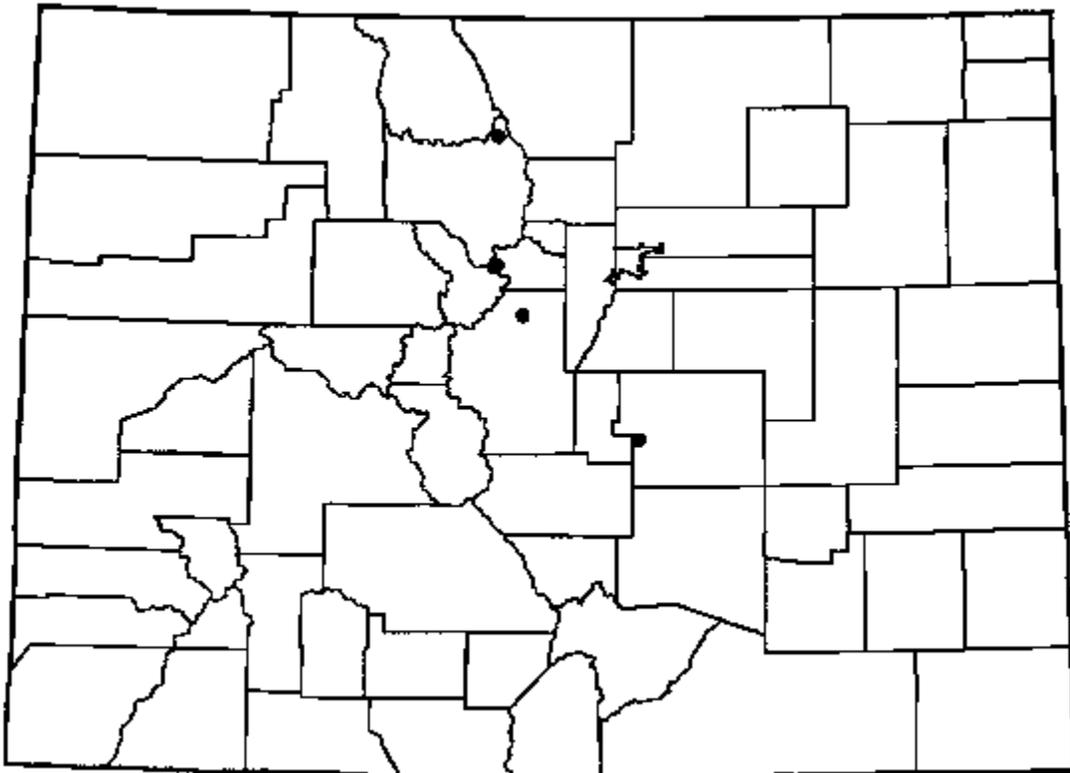
Flowering/Fruiting Period: June-August.

Habitat: Rich fens; graminoid dominated mineral rich wetlands. Elev. 9000-10,000 ft.



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Distribution: Alaska, Yukon to Nova Scotia, south to California, Idaho, Utah, Florida, Texas and Colorado (Clear Creek, Grand, El Paso and Park Cos.).



References: Atwood et al. 1991; Britton 1901; Cronquist et al. 1977; Great Plains Flora Association 1986; Hermann 1970; Welsh 1974.