

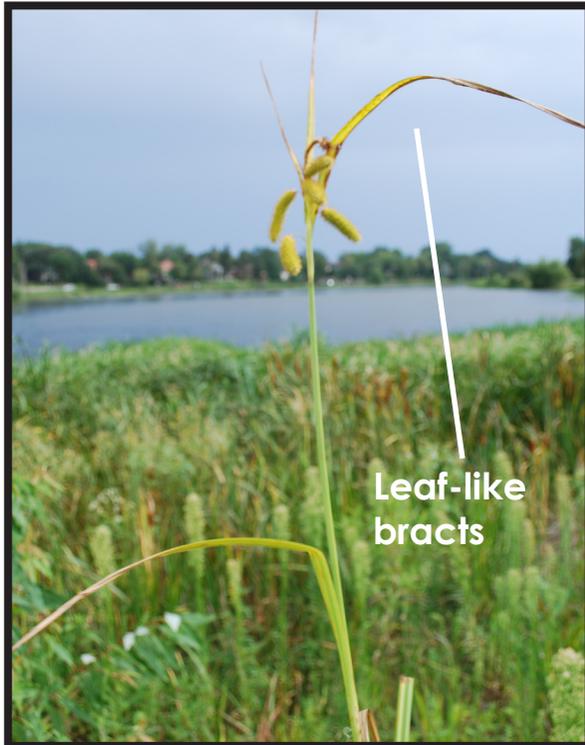
Bottlebrush Sedge

Carex comosa

Minnesota C-Value: 4

Wetland Indicator Status: OBL

Native

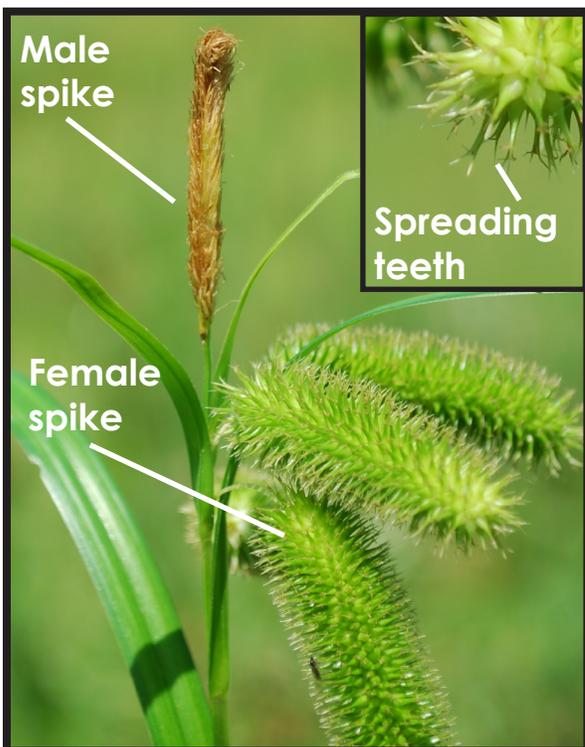


Leaf-like bracts



Veins of leaf sheath

Membranous inner part of sheath (peeled back in photo)



Male spike

Spreading teeth

Female spike

Leaves: 6-15 mm wide, M-shaped in cross section with rough margins. Sheaths distinctly veined, inner part membranous (translucent). The ligule is longer than it is wide.

Stems: Sharply triangular. 0.5-1.5 m tall.

Flowers and fruit: Terminal spikelet male, female spikelets 3-7 cm long and 1.2-2 cm wide, drooping at maturity. Perigynium is 5-7 mm long, strongly ribbed with widely spreading beak teeth that are 1-2 mm long. Leaflike bracts extend well beyond the flower head.

Plant communities: Shallow marshes, bogs, shorelines, streambanks.

Comments: Perennial. Similar to porcupine sedge (*C. hystericina*), which has reddish basal leaf sheaths, and perigynia beak teeth that are straighter and shorter than Bottlebrush sedge.