Stalk-grained sedge

Carex stipata

Minnesota C-Value: 3
Wetland Indicator Status: OBL
Native

Cross-wrinkled sheath, spongy stem

Triangular stem, slightly winged

Leaves: 4-10 mm wide. Cross-wrinkled thin sheath.

Stems: Sharply triangular and winged, somewhat spongy.

Flowers and fruit: Stay yellowish-green at maturity. Spikes have both male and female flowers, male above and female below. Bracts often bristle-like and longer than the spike. Female scales not awn tipped. Perigynia strongly nerved on both sides, base somewhat spongy.

Plant communities: Wet woods, wet meadows/prairies, roadside ditches.

Comments: Perennial sedge, also known as awl-fruited sedge. Very similar to Fox sedge (*C. vulpinoidea*). Stem of *C. vulpinoidea* is not winged, and female scales have awns.