

2022 July *Guess that Plant*



Carex stricta Lam., Tussock sedge

July's *Guess that Plant* was a native obligate wetland sedge that is found state-wide. Tussock sedge is frequent in forested wetlands, along streams, lake edges, and areas with persistent standing water. Stone (1910) describes it as common in open swamps, forming the familiar tussocks shown on the photo above (left). One variety, *Carex stricta* var. *strictor*, also grows in the State. It differs from the typical form by a more upright habit, open tussock, and a glaucous blue color on the young foliage.

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