

## 2023 September *Guess that Plant*



*Carex grayi* Carey, Gray's Sedge

The September *Guess that Plant* is Gray's sedge. This plant is a member of the sedge family, Cyperaceae. It is a wetland plant found in the northern counties, and scattered in the lower Delaware Valley. Gray's sedge is an obligate perennial wetland species with a clumping habit. It occupies alluvial settings in the north, and the upper edges of the Delaware River freshwater tidal marsh. The photo for this month's description is from the tidal shores of the Mantua Creek, Gloucester County. The sedge name is a tribute to Asa Gray, the famous 19th and early 20th century botanist. The name was originally spelled *Carex grayii*, but recent nomenclature omits the second "i" resulting in *Carex grayi*.

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