



## *Carex minor*

### Common Name(s):

Bastard Grass, Hook Sedge

### Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

### Distribution:

Endemic. New Zealand. North, South and Stewart Islands. In the North Island from Central Volcanic Plateau south (common around Wellington), on the other islands rather locally distributed and often absent.

### Habitat:

Coastal to upper montane. In forest, along forest margins and in scrub

### Features\*:

Dark green, loosely tufted plants. Culms few, 100.0-350.0 × c.0.3 mm, glabrous, 1–2 mm diameter at base (including sheathing bracts); basal bracts light to dark brown, not shining. Leaves 3-4 per culm, < culms, from slightly > 0.5 mm to 1.5 mm wide, dark green, strongly scabrid on margins and upper surface. Spike 20-50 × 2-3 mm, occasionally bracteate, female flowers 5-12, internodes up to 4 mm long at base of spike, 1.5-2.0 mm long above. Glumes usually c.1/2 length of utricles, deciduous, ovate, acute or acuminate, hyaline with green midrib. Utricles 3.5-5.0 × c. 1 mm, trigonous, green to grey-brown, lateral nerves strongly developed, otherwise smooth, occasionally spreading when mature, beak 1.0-1.5 mm long, stipe c.1 mm long

### Flowering:

September - October

### Fruiting:

November – December

### Threats:

Not Threatened

### \*Attribution:

Description adapted from Moore and Edgar (1970). Fact sheet prepared by Peter J. de Lange 17 August 2006.

### References and further reading:

Moore, L.B.; Edgar, E. 1970: Flora of New Zealand. Vol. II. Government Printer, Wellington.

### For more information, visit:

[http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\\_details.asp?ID=1329](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=1329)



**Caption:** Days Bay, Eastbourne. Aug 2007.

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