



## *Carex subviridis*

### Common Name(s):

Hook sedge, bastard grass, hook grass

### Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

### Distribution:

Endemic. New Zealand. North and South Islands. Often sparsely distributed but locally common in the Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Auckland and Northland.

### Habitat:

Coastal to montane. Usually in forest, especially alluvial and riparian forest, or in dune forest. Also common in karst country around sink holes, tomo and within dolines..

### Features\*:

Rather gracile, very light- to dark green, tussock-forming, plants. Culms 250.0-600.0 × 0.5 mm, slightly scabrid above; basal sheaths light brown or reddish, occasionally enclosing the culm for more than half its length. Leaves 4-7 per culm, <, = or > culms, 1.5-3.0 mm wide, sharply scabrid on margins, slightly scabrid on upper surface towards tip. Spikes 40-140 mm long, often bracteate, lowermost glumes occasionally leaf-like and much > spike, male portion relatively long, female flowers c.10-20, ± distant, internodes 6-12 mm long below, 2 mm long above. Glumes < utricles, deciduous, acute, lower 2-3 acuminate and often produced to a scabrid awn, membranous, green. Utricles 5.5-9.0 × c.1.0 mm., plano-convex, narrow-oblong, light green or light brown, distinctly nerved, beak 1.5-2.0 mm long, narrow, with scabrid margins and occasionally a few teeth on the abaxial surface, stipe 1.5-2.0 mm long, narrow

### Flowering:

October - December

### Fruiting:

November - June

### 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=1335](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=1335)



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