



## *Carex egmontiana*

### **Common Name(s):**

Bastard Grass, Hook Sedge

### **Current Threat Status (2012):**

Not Threatened

### **Distribution:**

Endemic. New Zealand: North Island (Mt Egmont), South and Stewart Islands – apparently absent from Fiordland.

### **Habitat:**

Coastal to alpine. In coastal turf, tussock grassland, alpine mires, bogs and shrubland overlying peat.

### **Features\*:**

Densely caespitose, dull red or reddish-green (rarely green) plants, 250-400 mm tall. Culms c.300.0 × c. 0.5 mm, glabrous, subtrigonus or almost terete; basal sheaths straw-coloured or light brown. Leaves 4-6 per culm, <, = or > culms, 1.0-1.5 mm wide, moderately scabrid on margins and upper surface. Spikes 3.5-120.0 × c.3 mm, female flowers c.10-20, rather distant, internodes to 12 mm long at base of spike, c.3 mm long above. Glumes = or >, or rarely slightly < utricles, persistent, ovate-lanceolate, acute, membranous, red or green with pale hyaline margins. Utricles 4.5-6.0 × c.1.0 mm, subtrigonus, elliptic-lanceolate, striated or scarcely nerved, grey-green or reddish grey, contracted below to a stipe usually slightly > 1.5 mm long, narrowed above to a beak slightly < 1.5 mm long

### **Flowering:**

October - November

### **Fruiting:**

November - August

### **Threats:**

Not Threatened

### **\*Attribution:**

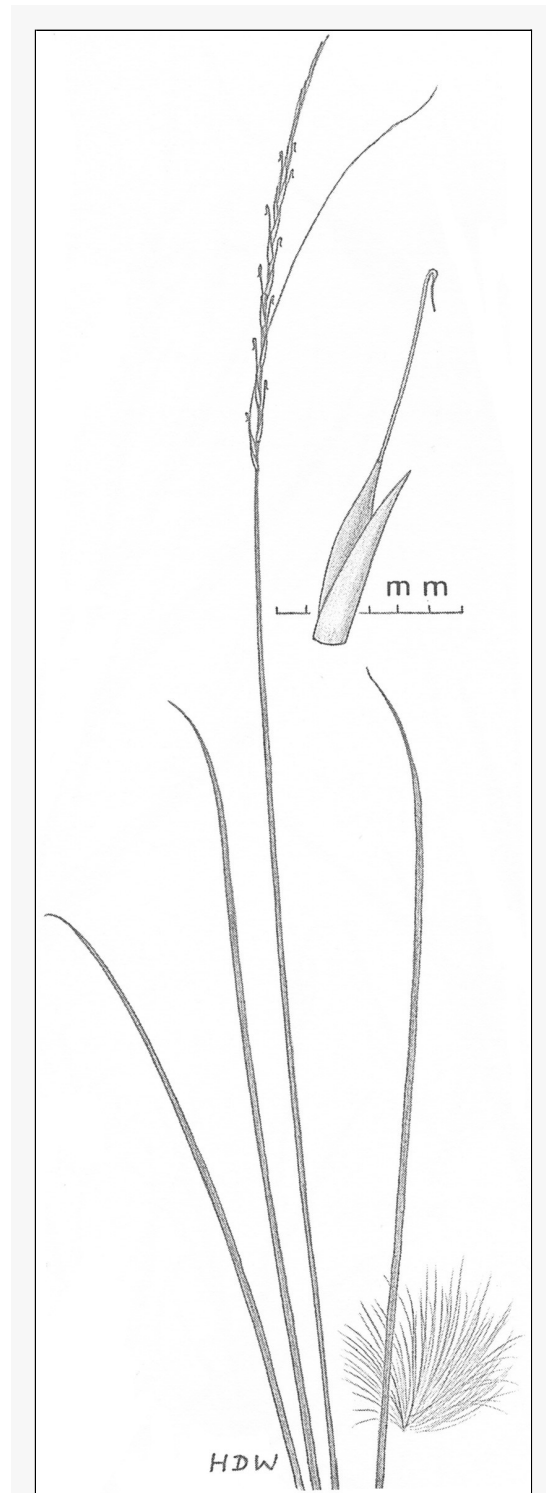
Description adapted from Moore and Edgar (1970). Fact sheet prepared by Peter J. de Lange 17 August 2006.

### **References and further reading:**

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

### **For more information, visit:**

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