



Carex lectissima

Common Name(s):

Fine-leaved Bastard Grass, Hook Sedge

Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

Distribution:

Endemic. New Zealand: North, South and Stewart Islands from Te Moehau south.

Habitat:

Montane to subalpine (coastal in Fiordland). Usually in cloud forest where it grows on moss and liverwort covered ground, on peat and especially around soak holes, semi-permanent pools and on rotting logs.

Features*:

Slender, tufted, bright green plants. Culms 30-300 mm long, < 0.5 mm wide, glabrous; basal bracts red-brown with paler striations. Leaves 4-7 per culm, < mature culms, us. < 0.5 mm wide, deeply channelled or flat with a distinct groove, bright green, glabrous at the base, scabrid towards the long-tapering, finely acute apex. Spike 5-30 × 2-3 mm, female flowers c.10 mostly distant, internodes 2-3 mm long (up to 4 mm long at base of spike). Glumes = or < utricles, deciduous, lanceolate, acute, membranous with green midrib. Utricles 3.5-5.0 × c.1 mm, trigonous, light greenish brown, lateral nerves prominent, somewhat spreading when ripe, stipe and beak c.1 mm long

Flowering:

October - November

Fruiting:

November - March

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=1340



Caption: Kaimanawa range, January

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Caption: Tararua Forest Park. Feb 2008.

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