



## *Carex druceana*

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

Druces Sedge

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

At Risk - Naturally Uncommon

### **Distribution:**

Endemic. North Island, Ruahine Ranges. South Island, north west Nelson.

### **Habitat:**

Sub alpine to alpine sedge of damp ground in tussock grassland.

### **Features\*:**

Light reddish green tufted sedge 10- 20 cm tall. Culms smooth, circular in cross-section (terete), 0.5-1 mm diameter. Basal sheaths grey-brown or light brown,. Leaves > culms, up to 35 cm long, (1-)1.5(-2.2) mm wide, flat, concave or convex, red, margins scabrid (with teeth), tip curled. Inflorescence of 4-6 unstalked, closely-packed, 0.5-1(-1.5) cm × 3-5 mm, ovate or cylindrical spikes. Male spikes at the base, female at the top. Glumes = or < utricles (fruits), broadly ovate or oblong, pale brown with red markings, apex cleft, with the green midrib extending as a scabrid 2 mm long awn. Utricles c.2.5 × 1.3-1.5 mm, ovoid to rhomboid, 3-angled (trigonous) or irregularly inflated, yellowish with red near tip, beak minute (0.3 mm), black or dark brown. Stigmas 3. Nut c. 1 × 1 mm, elliptic-obovoid, 3-angled, cream to dark brown.

### **Flowering:**

No information available

### **Fruiting:**

No information available

### **Threats:**

*Carex druceana* is probably not threatened but there are very few recent (>1980) collections.

### **\*Attribution:**

Fact Sheet prepared by P.J. de Lange (10 August 2006).  
Description adapted from Moore and Edgar (1970)

### **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=736](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=736)



**Caption:** In cultivation ex Ruahine Range. Oct 2007.

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