Beaked Sedge



A large clumping wetland grass growing out from short rhizomes and creeping runners, stands up to 120cm in height and will sometimes form a dense sod. The stems are thick with light brown bases that are wrapped in old leaves with a sponge-like texture. The upper leaves are wide and flat, extend longer than the stalk, and are noticeably separated by whiteish knot-like cross walls. The inflorescence is long and cylindrical, carrying both male spikes (4-7 at the top of the stem) and female spikes (2-4 on lower stems). The fruits are yellow-green or straw-coloured and are inflated and egg-shaped with multiple ribs, narrowing to a beak with two points and three stigmas.

Carex rostrata/utriculata Stock category Grasses Stock subcategory Native Riparian

Characteristics
Average height
120 cm
Bloom colour
Green

Tan
Yellow
Bloom months
June
July
August
Foliage colour
Green
Sun zone
Full sun
Water zone
Medium water
High water