

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