



***Carex bebbii* – Bebb's Sedge**

COMMON NAME: Bebb's Sedge, Bebb's Oval Sedge

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Carex bebbii* – the name honors an amateur botanist Michael Schuck Bebb (1833-1895) who lived in northern Illinois. His son, Robert Bebb, continued his father's hobby and was particularly interested in sedges. Robert Bebb lived in Oklahoma and willed his collection to the University of Oklahoma that named its herbarium in his honor, Bebb Herbarium.

FLOWER: green, about ½ inch in size

BLOOMING PERIOD: May to June

SIZE: 6 to 30 inches tall

BEHAVIOR: This sedge forms a mound and may persist for upwards of 20 years.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Calcareous wetlands, low prairies and other open wet areas in sun to part shade

NATURAL RANGE: This is cool season sedge. It is found in most of Canada, from Maine to Washington, south to New Jersey, in northern Illinois, and Nevada. In Wisconsin it is found in the southern and eastern parts of the state.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Bebb's sedge is notable in that a new plant reaches full maturity in one season. It develops distinctive brown seed heads.

SUGGESTED CARE: Need to keep the soil moist as a planting develops. This is a durable perennial for low to medium height grassy foliage in moist areas.

COMPANION PLANTS: Blue-joint grass, great blue lobelia, prairie blazingstar, cardinal flower, Canada wild rye, false dragonhead, Golden Alexanders, wild iris, iron weed, bottle gentian, tall meadow rue, mountain mint, prairie dock, Turk's cap lily and other plants growing in a moist soil