



***Carex bicknellii* – Bicknell Sedge**

COMMON NAME: Bicknell Sedge, Copper-shouldered Oval Sedge

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Carex bicknellii* - *Carex* is the Latin name for sedges. Eugene Pintard Bicknell (1859-1925) was a businessman and amateur botanist from New York.

HEIGHT: 10 to 36 inches

SITE: Ranges from wet-mesic prairie and sedge meadow to the tops of sandy moraines. Grows most frequently in high light and moist soil such as in open prairies, oak savannas and moderately shady woodlands.

BLOOMING: late spring with coppery-brown seedheads appearing in mid summer.

BEHAVIOR: This sedge greens up early in the spring. It forms clumps and spreads by rhizomes as well as seeds. It does not compete well with broad leafed flowering plants (forbs).

RANGE: Originally this sedge was found throughout most of the eastern half of the US, southward to the Tennessee and the Carolinas. Now it is much rarer in the northeast. In Wisconsin it is common in the southern two thirds of the state.

COMPANION PLANTS: This sedge is most at home in wet-mesic situations with Big Bluestem, Prairie Dropseed, Culver's Root, Rattlesnake Master, Round-headed Prairie Clover, Spiderwort and others.