



***Carex stipata* – Fox Sedge**

COMMON NAME: Fox Sedge, so called because the inflorescence (entire assemblage of flowers on the stem) looks like a fox's tail. It is also called Prickly Sedge or Awl-fruited Sedge.

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Carex stipata*

FLOWER: Green in color, golden brown seed heads

BLOOMING PERIOD: May to July

SIZE: 1 to 3 feet

BEHAVIOR: A perennial clump forming sedge with stems about 1-3 feet, leaves generally taller than the stems. The lowest leaves on the stem, however, are reduced to scales. Stems are slender and firm with whitish, thin sheaths that are conspicuously cross-wrinkled.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Found in sedge meadows, marshes and forest openings. It prefers moist to slightly wet conditions but tolerates drier conditions in shaded sites. Full to partial sun.

NATURAL RANGE: Throughout Canada except for the arctic regions and most of the continental U.S.

SPECIAL FEATURES: This is one of the showiest sedges with mounds of yellow-green leaves produced in profusion. Forms beautiful clumps of cascading foliage. It is a source of food for songbirds, grouse, chicks, ducks and woodcocks. Fox sedge is a pioneering species that tends to colonize wet open sites soon after disturbance.

SUGGESTED CARE: Easily grown sedge.