



## ***Carex pensylvanica* – Pennsylvania Sedge**

COMMON NAME: Pennsylvania Sedge

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Carex pensylvanica*

FLOWER COLOR: Yellow stamens

BLOOMING PERIOD: April to early May

SIZE: 4 to 6 inches with the flowering stems up to 12 inches.

BEHAVIOR: Forms a nice ground cover of soft clumps. Space plants 1-2 feet apart. Spreads via rhizomes.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Grows well in full sun (if irrigated) to full shade, in average soil and even dry acid or sandy soil. Does not grow well in wet soils.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Can be used as a “no mow” ground cover. It greens up early in the spring and grows well in open woods or woodland margins, even under oak trees. It is often interspersed with early spring bulbs or ephemerals.

SUGGESTED CARE: Best transplanted in fall or early spring. Once well established, it will take care of itself. Watering and fertilizing will greatly increase the rate of expansion.

NATURAL RANGE: Most of the eastern United States and much of Canada. Throughout Wisconsin.

COMPANION PLANTS: Oaks, Jack pine, serviceberry, wild strawberry, columbine, Solomon’s seal, bedstraw and bellwort.