

## CHECKLIST OF SEDGES AND SEDGE ALLIES - BEDS, OLD CAMBS, HUNTS, NORTHANTS AND PETERBOROUGH

Scientific Name	Common Name	National Status	Beds v.c.30	old Cambs v.c.29	Hunts v.c.31	Northants and P'boro v.c.32
<b>SEDGE ALLIES</b>						
<i>Blysmus compressus</i>	Flat-sedge		very rare	very rare		very rare
<i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i>	Sea Club-rush		very rare	uncommon	very rare	
<i>Cladium mariscus</i>	Great Fen-sedge			rare	very rare	very rare or extinct
<i>Cyperus eragrostis</i>	<i>Pale Galingale</i>			<i>very rare</i>		
<i>Cyperus longus</i>	Galingale	Nationally Scarce	very rare (escape or introd.)	rare (escape or introd.)	very rare (escape or introd.)	very rare (escape or introd.)
<i>Eleocharis acicularis</i>	Needle Spike-rush		extinct	rare	very rare	rare
<i>Eleocharis multicaulis</i>	Many-stalked Spike-rush			extinct	extinct	very rare or extinct
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>	Common Spike-rush		frequent	common	frequent	common
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i> ssp. <i>palustris</i>	a common spike-rush			rare		
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i> ssp. <i>vulgaris</i>	a common spike-rush		frequent	common	frequent	common
<i>Eleocharis quinqueflora</i>	Few-flowered Spike-rush			very rare	extinct	very rare or extinct
<i>Eleocharis uniglumis</i>	Slender Spike-rush		very rare	uncommon	very rare	very rare or extinct
<i>Eleogiton fluitans</i>	Floating Club-rush			rare	very rare	extinct
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	Common Cottongrass		very rare	very rare or extinct	extinct	very rare
<i>Eriophorum gracile</i>	Slender Cottongrass	Nationally Scarce				extinct
<i>Eriophorum latifolium</i>	Broad-leaved Cottongrass			extinct	extinct	very rare or extinct
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>	Hare's-tail Cottongrass			extinct		
<i>Isolepis setacea</i>	Bristle Club-rush		uncommon	rare	rare	rare
<i>Rhynchospora alba</i>	White Beak-sedge		extinct		extinct	
<i>Schoenoplectus lacustris</i>	Bulrush		frequent	frequent	frequent	frequent
<i>Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani</i>	Grey Club-rush		rare	occasional	uncommon	very rare
<i>Schoenus nigricans</i>	Black Bog-rush		extinct	very rare	extinct	very rare
<i>Scirpus sylvaticus</i>	Wood Club-rush		rare			rare
<i>Trichophorum cespitosum</i> ssp. <i>germanicum</i>	Deergrass		extinct	extinct		
<b>TRUE SEDGES (CAREX)</b>						
<i>Carex acuta</i>	Slender Tufted-sedge		occasional	occasional	uncommon	occasional
<i>Carex acuta</i> x <i>elata</i> ( <i>C. x prolixa</i> )	a sedge			very rare		
<i>Carex acutiformis</i>	Lesser Pond-sedge		common	common	frequent	common
<i>Carex appropinquata</i>	Fibrous Tussock-sedge	Nationally Scarce		very rare		
<i>Carex arenaria</i>	Sand Sedge			very rare	very rare introd.	
<i>Carex binervis</i>	Green-ribbed Sedge		extinct	very rare or extinct	rare	very rare
<i>Carex caryophylla</i>	Spring Sedge		uncommon	occasional	uncommon	rare

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<i>Carex curta</i>	White Sedge		very rare	extinct		
<i>Carex diandra</i>	Lesser Tussock-sedge			extinct	extinct	
<i>Carex dioica</i>	Dioecious Sedge		extinct	extinct		very rare or extinct
<i>Carex distans</i>	Distant Sedge		uncommon	uncommon	rare	rare
<i>Carex disticha</i>	Brown Sedge		occasional	occasional	uncommon	occasional
<i>Carex divulsa</i> ssp. <i>divulsa</i>	Grey Sedge		occasional	uncommon	uncommon	uncommon
<i>Carex divulsa</i> ssp. <i>leersii</i>	Leers' Sedge			uncommon	rare	very rare
<i>Carex echinata</i>	Star Sedge		very rare	very rare or extinct	very rare	very rare or extinct
<i>Carex elata</i>	Tufted Sedge		extinct	occasional	uncommon	very rare
<i>Carex elata</i> x <i>nigra</i> (C. x <i>turfosa</i> )	a sedge			very rare		
<i>Carex ericetorum</i>	Rare Spring-sedge	Nationally Scarce		very rare		very rare
<i>Carex flacca</i>	Glaucous Sedge		common	common	common	common
<i>Carex hirta</i>	Hairy Sedge		common	common	common	common
<i>Carex hostiana</i>	Tawny Sedge		extinct	rare	extinct	very rare
<i>Carex hostiana</i> x <i>viridula</i> (C. x <i>fulva</i> )	a sedge			very rare		
<i>Carex laevigata</i>	Smooth-stalked Sedge					extinct
<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i>	Slender Sedge			very rare	very rare	
<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i> x <i>riparia</i> (C. x <i>evoluta</i> )	a sedge				very rare	
<i>Carex muricata</i> ssp. <i>lamprocarpa</i>	Prickly Sedge		occasional	uncommon or rare		very rare
<i>Carex nigra</i>	Common Sedge		uncommon	uncommon	rare	occasional
<i>Carex otrubae</i>	False Fox-sedge		common	common	common	common
<i>Carex otrubae</i> x <i>remota</i> (C. x <i>pseudoaxillaris</i> )	a sedge		very rare	very rare	very rare	very rare or extinct
<i>Carex ovalis</i>	Oval Sedge		uncommon	rare	uncommon	uncommon
<i>Carex pallescens</i>	Pale Sedge		uncommon	uncommon	uncommon	uncommon
<i>Carex panicea</i>	Carnation Sedge		uncommon	uncommon	uncommon	uncommon
<i>Carex paniculata</i>	Greater Tussock-sedge		uncommon	uncommon	uncommon	occasional
<i>Carex paniculata</i> x <i>remota</i> (C. x <i>boeninghausiana</i> )	a sedge					very rare or extinct
<i>Carex pendula</i>	Pendulous Sedge		frequent	frequent	occasional	frequent
<i>Carex pilulifera</i>	Pill Sedge		uncommon	extinct	very rare	very rare
<i>Carex pseudocyperus</i>	Cyperus Sedge		rare	occasional	uncommon	uncommon
<i>Carex pulicaris</i>	Flea Sedge		very rare	very rare	very rare	very rare
<i>Carex remota</i>	Remote Sedge		frequent	frequent	frequent	frequent
<i>Carex riparia</i>	Great Pond-sedge		frequent	common	frequent	common
<i>Carex rostrata</i>	Bottle Sedge		rare	very rare		very rare

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<i>Carex spicata</i>	Spiked Sedge		frequent	frequent	frequent	frequent
<i>Carex strigosa</i>	Thin-spiked Wood-sedge		rare	extinct	extinct	rare
<i>Carex sylvatica</i>	Wood-sedge		frequent	frequent	frequent	frequent
<i>Carex vesicaria</i>	Bladder-sedge			very rare		very rare
<i>Carex viridula</i> ssp. <i>brachyrrhyncha</i> [ <i>C.lepidocarpa</i> ]	Long-stalked Yellow-sedge		very rare	uncommon	rare	rare
<i>Carex viridula</i> ssp. <i>oedocarpa</i> [ <i>C.demissa</i> ]	Common Yellow-sedge		extinct	extinct	rare	very rare
<i>Carex viridula</i> ssp. <i>viridula</i> [ <i>C.serotina</i> ]	Small-fruited Yellow-sedge			very rare	very rare	
<i>Carex vulpina</i>	True Fox-sedge	Vulnerable			very rare or absent	

### Notes

- 1 The list omits obscure aliens and species absent from all four recording areas
- 2 Scientific nomenclature follows *New Flora of the British Isles*, 2nd ed. (C.A.Stace, 1997, CUP). Where scientific names have changed considerably the old [CTW] name is included in brackets after the Stace name.
- 3 Species in italics are not native to the country, according to *New Flora of the British Isles* 2nd ed. (C.Stace, 1997, CUP)

### Abundance categories

common	
frequent	
occasional	
uncommon	- less than 20-25 sites/tetrads
rare	- less than 7-8 sites/tetrads
very rare	- less than 3-4 sites/tetrads
extinct	- not recorded since c. 1950



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