Fox sedge

Carex vulpinoidea

Minnesota C-Value: 3
Wetland Indicator Status: OBL
Native

Leaves: 2-5 mm wide, papery cross-wrinkled sheath which is mottled with dots.

Stems: Sharply triangular, firm towards the inflorescence.

Flowers and fruit: Spikelets green, turning brown at maturity. 3-10 cm long. Spikes have male flowers above, and female flowers below. Bracts often bristle-like, extending beyond the spike. Female scales have awns as long or longer than the perigynia.

Plant communities: Sedge meadows, wet meadows, marshes, lakeshores, streambanks, roadside ditches.

Comments: Perennial sedge, also known as brown fox sedge. Common early colonizer. Very similar to Stalk-grained sedge (*C. stipata*), but *C. stipata* has a winged stem, which is somewhat spongy and easily crushed. Female scales of *C. stipata* are not awned.