

The California Native Plant Society
and
the Humboldt State University Vascular Plant Herbarium

Present

Introduction to the Sedges of Northwestern California: A Hands-on Workshop

Saturday, February 27, 2010

9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Humboldt State University
Building Science D, Room 161

Carex is the largest genus of flowering plants and most are important wetland indicators. There are more rare species in the genus *Carex* than in any other genus on the Northcoast.

This workshop will follow a virtual transect from North Coast dunes, through coastal wetlands, redwood and mixed evergreen forests, coastal prairies and montane meadows to the alpine habitats of the Klamath Mountains at Mt. Eddy. The most common sedges by habitat type along the way will be keyed and reviewed. Participants will hone their skills in sedge sight recognition and keying in the *Jepson Manual*.



Know your sedges to conduct:

- ◆ Wetland delineations
- ◆ Floristic and vegetation studies
- ◆ Rare plants surveys
- ◆ Habitat assessments

Basic sedge terminology, morphology, ecology, evolution, and keying techniques will be covered. Much of the day will be spent dissecting and keying specimens in the laboratory using a microscope and the *Jepson Manual*. Many specimens will be available for review, dissection, and comparison. This workshop is geared for beginner and intermediate caricologists, but familiarity with identifying plants using the *Jepson Manual* is required.

Participants should bring: dissection equipment, including extra-fine forceps; *Jepson Manual*; and lunch.

Registration is \$60 for CNPS Members, \$95 for non-members.

To register, send a check made out to "NC CNPS" with your contact information, including email address, to: CNPS PO Box 1067, Arcata, CA 95518-1067

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