

WATER SEDGE

CAREX AQUATILIS

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

 Size

0.5 – 3.5' high, 1 – 2' wide

 Sun/Shade

Full Sun

 Water

High

 Maintenance

Low

 Life Span

Perennial, Zone 2-7



 Description

Carex aquatilis, also known as Water Sedge and Leafy Tussock Sedge is a grassy perennial mostly found in wet boggy meadows, along stream banks and bordering ponds and lakes. The sedge (grass-like) stays green late into the summer, later than most grasses, and provides good late season forage for cattle, sheep and horses as well as a number species of waterfowl and wild animals such as deer, elk and bison. It also provides good cover for these animals as well as fish as it hangs over streams. Water sedge spreads via rhizomes and makes for an exceptional control of shoreline erosion. The seeds are hard and brown and can be harvested using shears.

Source: [Utah State University Extension](https://extension.usu.edu/)



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