



Carex jonesii. (A) Inflorescences, (B) pistillate scales, (C) perigynia, (D) achenes. B through D: Left and center—dorsal views; right—ventral view.

Carex jonesii Bailey
Jones sedge

HABIT: Mostly clustered or arising singly on short, compactly branched rhizomes. **Culms:** Slender, sharply triangular, 1.5-6 dm tall, exceeding the leaves, somewhat **aphyllopodic**.

LEAVES: 3-4, closely clustered near the base. **Blades:** Flat, 1.5-3 mm wide. **Sheaths:** Ventral side pale and thin, plane or seldom cross-corrugated, truncate or concave at the mouth.

BRACTS: Short and inconspicuous, sheathless, not much larger than the pistillate scales.

SPIKES: 4-8, **androgynous**, small, sessile, chestnut brown, few-flowered, indistinguishable and densely aggregated into an orbicular or short-oblong head 8-20 mm long, 6-12 mm wide; perigynia divaricate (widely spreading) at maturity.

PISTILLATE SCALES: Triangular-ovate, with acute to acuminate tips, equaling or shorter than the perigynia and sometimes concealing them, brown to black with a lighter midvein, hyaline-scarious.

PERIGYNIA: Ovate-lanceolate to lance-triangular or broadly lanceolate, plano-convex, commonly with raised margins proximally, slightly spongy at the base, shining, brown to orange brown or stramineous, sometimes partly green, 2.5-4.8 mm long, 0.9-1.4 mm wide. **Nerves:** Several on both surfaces, sometimes dark-colored. **Beaks**

: Tapered gradually or abruptly, sharp-edged, smooth to slightly serrulate, obliquely cleft, obscurely bidentate, about 0.5-2 mm long.

ACHENES: Broadly obovate, lenticular, substipitate, dark golden brown, 1-1.8 mm long, 0.5-1 mm wide. **Stigmas:** 2.

HABITAT AND DISTRIBUTION: From plentiful to scattered in moist or wet meadows, bogs, and along streambanks at **moderate to high elevations** in the mountains. Through the mountains of eastern Oregon to central Idaho and at scattered locations in Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, and Colorado. **June-August.**

SIMILAR SPECIES: See appendix, table 9.