



NPDC NewsNote

TO: State PLANTS Coordinators

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RE: Images, Carex, et al.

1. **Gallery:** We finally have the *Gallery* and the image portion of the *Plant Profile* revised in response to the users and contributors. The principal features are 1) the ability to present line drawings, 2) access to publication sized images (if available), and 3) expanded credit for the image contributors and a direct contact link to the copyright holder for any copyrighted image.

2. **Images:** 6,000 line drawings of the U.S. grasses (Hitchcock 1950) and the plants of the eastern U.S. (Britton & Brown 1913) are now on-line at PLANTS. About 4,000 color images were also added. Also, the Wetland Science Institute is making the 1,300 Wetland Flora line drawings available for integration.

Contributing Pictures to PLANTS: If you know of a collection of high quality slides or digital images that might be available for use on PLANTS, please let us know. For slides, we will digitize them, return the originals and the digital copies, plus provide appropriate credit.

3. **Sedge (Carex) Field Guide:** A GREAT field guide is available on-line for those of you doing wetland restoration and delineation in the Rockies/Great Plains. The appendices are especially useful. Please let your colleagues know of its existence.

http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/gmug/policy/sedge_guide/index.shtml

Johnston, B.C. 2001. Field guide to sedge species of the Rocky Mountain Region. The genus *Carex* in Colorado, Wyoming, western South Dakota, western Nebraska, and western Kansas. USDA FS Rocky Mountain Region Publ. R2-RR-01-03, Denver, CO.

This guide describes all of the 131 *Carex* species known to occur in Wyoming, Colorado, and western portions of Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota. A dichotomous key is provided for identification in the field. Each species is described with diagrams of the plant, head, pistillate scale, and perigynium. A distribution map appears for each species, as well as a table of characteristics and index.