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

Carex deweyana Schwein.
Dewey sedge

SYNONYMS: *C. bolanderi* (Olney) W. Boott; *C. leptopoda* Mack.

HABIT: Loosely to densely clumped from short rhizomes. **Culms:** Weak and spreading, roughened beneath the inflorescence, 2-12 dm tall, exceeding the leaves, slightly **aphyllopodic**.

LEAVES: Borne on the lower part of the culm. **Blades:** Flat, soft, thin, light green or glaucous to yellowish green, 2-5 mm wide. **Sheaths:** Tight, hyaline ventrally, truncate to concave at the mouth.

BRACTS: Lowest sheathless, setaceous-prolonged, but shorter than the inflorescence; upper reduced and inconspicuous.

SPIKES: 2-10, **gynaecandrous**, sessile, 7-20 mm long, light green or greenish tan, approximate and loosely aggregated or the lowest one remote; inflorescence flexuous, 2-6 cm long; perigynia appressed-ascending to spreading.

PISTILLATE SCALES: Ovate to oblong-ovate, covering the body of the perigynium but not the beak, very thin, scarious, whitish to light brown; midrib fimer, greenish, sometimes prolonged as a short awn-tip.

PERIGYNIA: Oblong-lanceolate or narrowly elliptic, plano-convex, spongy-thickened below, gradually tapering at the apex, tan or stramineous and greenish distally and marginally, sometimes greenish throughout, 2.8-4.8 mm long, 1-1.5 mm wide. **Nerves:** Several dorsally, absent to few ventrally; marginal nerves raised, but not thin-edged. **Beaks:** Prominent, slender, serrulate, sometimes to the distal part of the body, obliquely cleft, bidentate, 1.1-2.7 mm long.

ACHENES: Suborbicular, lenticular, yellowish brown at maturity, 1.5-2.25 mm long, 1.25-1.75 mm wide. **Stigmas:** 2.

HABITAT AND DISTRIBUTION: Rare to locally frequent in forest openings, moist woodlands, and along streambanks from **near sea level to near timberline**. British Columbia to Labrador and south through Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Iowa, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. **June-August.**