

Carex maculata Boott

Family:
Cyperaceae



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Stem

Tufted sedge with a short monopodial rhizome. Stems erect and obtusely trigonous, up to 60 cm tall.

Leaves

Leaves crowded, subbasal, shorter to as long as the stems, 2-8 cm wide, revolute to flat, lamina margin with short hairs; leaf sheaths ferruginous or spotted reddish-brown.

Flowers

Spikes 3-5, erect, with the upper 2-4 crowded; uppermost male, 1.5-4.5 cm long, remaining female, 0.7-4 cm long and densely flowered. Peduncles obtusely trigonous. Bracts of female spikes foliaceous. Glumes with green 3-veined keel, rest of glume foxy red. Utricles compressed and shrunken into longitudinal ridges or trigonous with a longitudinal ridge on the ventral face, minutely papillose.



Herbarium specimen. © CSIRO

Fruit

Achene ellipsoid to suborbicular, conspicuously trigonous with shallowly concave faces, densely alveolate, 1.5-2 mm long.

Seedlings

Features not available.

Distribution and Ecology

Occurs in NEQ, CEQ and in south eastern Queensland and NSW. Altitudinal range from near sea level up to 750 m. Grows in rainforest, notophyll and mesophyll vine forest, Eucalypt forest and in Melaleuca and Licuala swamps. Also occurs from India to China and Japan and through Malesia.

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