Carex rafflesiana Boott

Family:
Cyperaceae

Boott, F. (1846) *Transactions of the Linnean Society of London 20* : 132. Type: in Insulae Java, Dr. Horsfield

Stem

Loosely tufted sedge, to 1 m tall; rhizome short and not creeping.

Leaves

Basal leaves sword-like, 30-100 x 0.7-1.8 cm, margins smooth, or abrasive in places or at apex. Old leaf sheaths at base reddish-brown.

Flowers

Inflorescence terminal, produced on a long peduncle which ends in a series of leafy bracts. Inflorescence a panicle of spikes, each spike consisting of female flowers at the base with a cluster of male flowers at the apex. Style not or slightly thickened towards base.

Fruit

Nuts with the style persistent at the apex, about 0.8 mm diam. and 1.5 mm long.

Seedlings

Features not available.

Distribution and Ecology

Occurs in CYP, NEQ and CEQ. Altitudinal range from 100-1000 m. Grows in disturbed areas in upland and mountain rain forest and mesophyll vine forest. Also occurs in Asia and Malesia.

RFK Code

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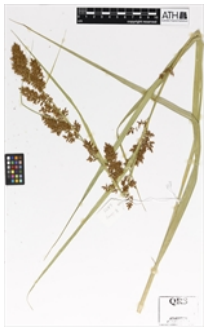

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