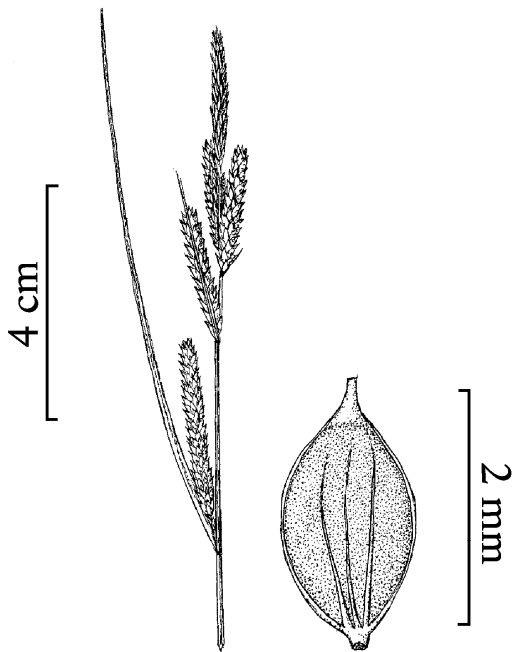




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*Carex lenticularis*  
var. *lenticularis*

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**LENTICULAR SEDGE**

*Carex lenticularis* Michaux var.  
*lenticularis*

SEDGE FAMILY (CYPERACEAE)

**Plants:** **Densely clumped** perennial herb with short rhizomes; flowering stems 8 – 60 cm long; shorter to slightly longer than the upper leaves.

**Leaves:** Leaf blades 1.5–3.5 mm wide

**Flowers:** Terminal spike male flowers only; **pale red-brown scales**

**Fruits:** Perigynia (3–)5–7-veined on both sides; lack of red, purple or dark pigmentation on the perigynia; beak of perigynia green; stigmas 2.

**Habitat:** Sandy beaches along the north shore of Lake Athabasca and on some island shores, on somewhat protected sandy bays on **moist sands**, often between cobbles; Associated species *Epilobium ciliatum*, *Carex lenticularis* var. *lipocarpa*, *Senecio congestus*, *Rhynchospora capillacea*, *Juncus filiformis*, *Hypericum majus* and *Sagina nodosa*.

**Status:** S1 G5T5

**Notes:** There are three currently recognized varieties of *Carex lenticularis* in Alberta. The variety *dolia* occurs at high elevations in the Northern Rockies. The varieties *lenticularis* and *lipocarpa* occupy similar habitat. The variety *lenticularis* can be distinguished from variety *lipocarpa* by the **pale red brown scales**, **unpigmented perigynia** and the **white base of the proximal bract**.

**Distribution:** Athabasca Plains natural subregion and Kazan Uplands.

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