

Clustered Field Sedge

Carex praegracilis



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CA Native:	Yes
Plant Community:	Many including Coastal Sage Scrub, Mountain Meadow, and Riparian
Form:	Grass-like perennial
Size:	Up to 12" or more
Light:	Sun to part shade
Temperature:	Hardy to 10° F
Water:	Drought tolerant, but looks best with regular water; Summer dormant with no irrigation
WUCOLS:	1-4, 6 (M); 5 (N/A)
Soil:	Adaptable to many kinds of soil. Tolerates alkalinity and some salinity.
Flowers/Berries:	Blooms in the spring
Deer resistance:	Yes
Fire resistance:	No
Wildlife value:	Larval food for Umber Skipper and Harbison's Skipper butterflies
Uses/Comments:	Good turf substitute; Leave unmowed for a mounding lawn or mow two or three times a year to as low as 4"; Very similar to and possibly harder than Sand Dune Sedge (<i>Carex pansa</i>), but slower spreading