

Rare Plant Status Review
Deletion of *Carex norvegica*

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Background

Carex norvegica is currently on List 2.3 in the CNPS Inventory. Recent review of *C. norvegica* indicates that this species does not occur in California. *C. norvegica* is known from eastern Canada, Greenland, and Eurasia. This species was previously known from two occurrences in the White Mountains in Mono County. According to Margriet Weatherwax (pers. comm. 2008), evidence now indicates that *Carex* sp. at those occurrences were misidentified as *C. norvegica*. *Carex* at these locations have now been identified as *C. albonigra*. The treatment of *Carex* in the *Flora of North America* (Vol. 23) indicates that *C. norvegica* is not known from California, and the upcoming revision of *The Jepson Manual* will not include *C. norvegica*. Based on the information currently available, the CNPS and CNDDDB suggest that *Carex norvegica* be deleted from List 2.

Recommended Actions

CNPS: Delete *Carex norvegica* from CNPS List 2.3

CNDDDB: Delete *Carex norvegica* from CNDDDB, G5/S1.3?

The current CNPS Inventory record is below. Please respond Yes or No on the proposal to Delete this species from the Inventory and CNDDDB, and provide any edits/comments on the proposed change.

Current CNPS Inventory Record

Carex norvegica Retzius

Cyperaceae

List 2.3

Mono

432A [White Mountain Peak/3711863], 450D [Boundary Peak/3711813]

Alpine boulder and rock field, meadows and seeps (mesic); elevation 2900 meters.

Perennial herb (rhizomatous), blooms August

Endangered in OR, and state-listed as Sensitive in WA. See *Madroño* 37(1):64 (1990) for first CA reports (1986) of this circumboreal species.