**Cyperaceae**

*Carex geyeri* Boott

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**FORM:** Strongly rhizomatous, grasslike, perennial with 3-ranked leaves and solid triangular culms, 20-50cm (8-20in) tall, often appearing loosely bunched.

**LEAVES:** Flat, evergreen, 1-3mm wide, as long as culms, usually with brown tips, reduced to scales at base, coarse to the touch, **basal sheaths tan to brown.**

**INFLORESCENCE:** Bractless, solitary, terminal, staminate spike (1); 1-3 pistillate flowers with 3 stigmas below (2), borne on long erect culm; April-July.

**FRUIT:** Large 3-sided achene (3), 4-5mm long.

**ENEMIES:** Fire resistant, regeneration from rhizomes to preburn levels within 1-2 years.

**SIMILAR SPECIES:** *Calamagrostis rubescens*, p.201, and *Carex Conspicuous*, p.202.