



**CAREX SPECUICOLA**

**Scientific name:** *Carex specuicola* J. T. Howell  
(common name) Navajo sedge

**Family:** Cyperaceae (Sedge family)

**Synonyms:** None

**Global Distribution:**

Originally thought to be endemic to San Juan County, Utah but also found in Desolation Canyon (primarily Carbon Co. but also Emery Co.) ; and Coconino County, Arizona

**Land Ownership:**

Navajo Nation Tribal Lands, NPS - Glen Canyon NRA and Natural Bridges NM, BLM - Price Field Office

**Habitat:**

San Juan: restricted to sandstone seeps-springs, pockets, or hanging gardens, ranging from almost inaccessible sheer cliff faces to accessible alcoves at 5,700 to 6,000 feet elevation, Desolation Canyon: 4,300 to 4,600 ft elev, (Wasatch Formation), late June - July.

**Comments:**

Resembles *C. atrata*.. Has been confused in sandstone habitats with *C. rossii* and *C. aurea*. *C. utahensis* also occurs in Desolation Canyon.

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*Habitat (D. House)*



*Closeup (D. House)*



Species Distribution