

# Invasive Species Alert

## Asiatic Sand Sedge

(*Carex kobomugi*)

\*Not detected in Michigan\*

### Identification:

- Perennial sedge that grows to about a foot tall
- Triangular stem with brown scales at base
- Leaves often taller than club-shaped flowering heads
- Small ridges along the edge of the leaves, making it feel serrated



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**Habitat:** This perennial is adapted for upper parts of coastal beaches and dunes. It is tolerant to salt spray, high winds, and drought.

**Native Range:** Coastal areas of China, Japan, Korea, and Russia

**U.S. Distribution:** Occurs along the east coast from Massachusetts to North Carolina

**Local Concern:** Asiatic sand sedge can out-compete native dune grasses and may cause dunes to be vulnerable to erosion and wind blowouts.



**Other Common Names:** Japanese sedge

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