

Invasive Species Alert

Calligraphy 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: Calligraphy sedge can out-compete native dune grasses and may cause dunes to be vulnerable to erosion and wind blowouts.



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Other Common Names: Asiatic sand sedge, Japanese sedge.

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