

Detailed description of *Carex harfordii* (from p. 186 of the Field Guide to the Sedges of the Pacific Northwest, derived from Flora of North America) and *C. subbracteata* (from Flora of North America).

Trait	<i>C. harfordii</i> , p. 186	<i>C. subbracteata</i> - replacement
Perigynium texture	thin	thick, tough
Culms, length	(30-) 50-120 cm	27 – 105 cm
Leaves, length	15 – 35 cm	12 – 65 cm
Leaves, width	(1.8-) 2-5 (-9.9) mm	1.3 – 3.7 (-4.6) mm
Inflorescence, length	1.1 – 4 cm	1.3 – 3.5 cm
Inflorescence, width	7 – 20 mm	7 – 23 mm
Inflorescence	dense and head-like	dense and head-like (or not)
Pistillate scales, color	green or straw-colored to reddish brown, often with lighter midrib	brown, red-brown, or coppery, with whitish, green, or light brown midstripe
Pistillate scales, length	2.2 – 4.7 mm	(3.2-) 3.5 – 4.5 mm
Pistillate scales	shorter than or as long as and narrower than or as wide as the perigynia	shorter, narrower than, or covering perigynia
Perigynia, color	green or straw-colored to reddish brown	straw-colored to gold or coppery
Perigynia, length	(2.6-) 3.3 – 4 (-4.6) mm	(2.9) 3.5 – 4.7 (-5.7) mm
Perigynia, width	(1.2-) 1.4 – 1.6 (-2) mm	1.2 – 1.7 (-2.2) mm
Perigynia, thickness	0.6 – 0.7 mm	0.5 – 0.75 mm
Perigynia, sheen	often with metallic sheen	with metallic sheen
Perigynia, dorsal veins	4 – 9	(0-) 5 – 9
Perigynia, ventral veins	0 – 9	0 – 6
Perigynia, wing width	0.1 – 0.3 (-0.4) mm	0.2 – 0.4 mm
Perigynia, beak tip unwinged, for distal	0.3 – 0.7 mm	(0.3-) 0.4 – 0.8 mm
Perigynia, beak tip to achene top	1.2 – 1.8 mm	1.5 – 2.2 (-2.6) mm
Achenes, length	(1.3-) 1.5 – 1.9 mm	1.3 – 2.1 mm
Achenes, width	(0.9) 1 – 1.2 (-1.4) mm	1 – 1.5 mm
Achenes, thickness	0.5 – 0.7 mm	0.5 – 0.6 mm