

A NEW CAREX FROM GUATEMALA AND HONDURAS

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Carex Standleyana Steyermark, *sp. nov.*

Perennis, caespitosa, usque ad 1 m. alta, culmis sat validis, glabris, laevibus; folia numerosa, glabra vel supra scaberula, usque ad 50 cm. longa vel ultra, vaginis valde imbricatis, laminis linearibus culmos fere vel omnino aequantibus, pallide viridibus, marginibus scabris, 4-8 mm. latis, apice attenuatis, costa elevata; inflorescentia laxe paniculata, longipedunculata, usque ad 20 cm. longa, pedunculis gracilibus, elongatis, dense scabris vel hirtellis, paniculis secundariis numerosis, vulgo multiramosis, pedunculatis, spicis sessilibus vel brevissime pedunculatis; bractee foliaceae, angustae, spicas suas superantes, basi longe vaginantes; spicae laxiflorae, 5-7 mm. longae et aequilatae, androgynae, floribus masculis 1-2, femineis vulgo 5-8, subdivaricatis, glumis femineis late ovatis, glabris vel superne obscure puberulis subacutis, marginibus hyalinis, apice insigniter aristatis, viridibus vel brunnescentibus; utriculi 3.5-5 mm. longi, obtuse trigoni, ovoidei, vix inflati, subindurati, substipitati, in rostrum abrupte contracti, multinervi, saltem superne scaberuli, rostro 1.5 mm. longo vel ultra, recto vel curvato, marginibus scabrellato, bidentato; stigmata 3; achaenium 3-3.25 mm. longum, 1 mm. latum, elliptico-oblongum, 3-angulatum, substipitatum, ochraceum, apiculatum.

GUATEMALA: moist banks, mixed forest, mountains above Aguacate, Dept. Jalapa, alt. 2150 m., July 6, 1947, *Louis O. Williams 13178* (TYPE in Herb. Chicago Nat. Hist. Mus.; DUPL. in Herb. Esc. Agr. Panam.).

HONDURAS: Dept. Morazán (slopes of Cerro de Uyuca, pine forest or wet thickets, 1550-1650 m.), *Molina 1309*; *Williams & Molina 14770*; *Standley 13256, 13446, 13465, 23128*.

Until now, there has been known from Honduras a single *Carex*, *C. polystachya* Swartz, although the genus is rather