

Plant Indicator Species for Fen

The plants described below can often be used as field indicators for identifying this habitat when other physical and biological features of the habitat are present.

yellow sedge (*Carex flava*) (sedge)

- usually 8 - 20 in tall (sometimes taller)
- female spikes spherical to slightly oblong, yellowish
- fruiting late May – July



green-keeled cottongrass (*Eriophorum viridicarinatum*) (sedge)

- usually 10 – 20 in tall
- fruiting heads resemble tufts of cotton

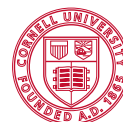


Kalm's lobelia (*Lobelia kalmii*) (forb)

- stem wire-like, usually 6 – 16 in tall
- flower delicate, blue and white, with two small lobes above and three larger lobes below (July – August; sometimes later)



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grass-of-Parnassus (*Parnassia glauca*) (forb)

- single flower at summit of 8 – 12 in tall stem
- flower white with fine green veins (August – September)
- leaves at base of plant roundish, leathery, bright green

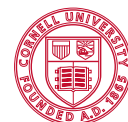


shrubby cinquefoil (*Dasiphora floribunda*) (shrub) synonym: *Potentilla fruticosa*

- usually 1 – 3 ft tall (sometimes taller)
- leaves compound with five narrow leaflets
- flowers yellow, about 1 in wide, five petals (June – October)



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