

The Identification Key to the Grasses of Northern California and Northwestern Nevada is a tool for identifying all the grasses known to occur in that part of California from Lake and Placer counties north, and in Washoe and Humboldt counties, Nevada. This key provides a different approach than the Jepson Manual key and includes some rare weeds not covered in that standard reference.

The key has been written by the Carex Working Group, known for their field and herbarium work on sedge and grass taxonomy and biogeography, and their many workshops to teach identification skills for these plant groups. CWG is the author of The Field Guide to the Sedges of the Pacific Northwest.

This key provides the common and scientific names (with authors) for each species. Names used in both the Jepson Manual (version 2) and USDA PLANTS are provided where they differ.

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