

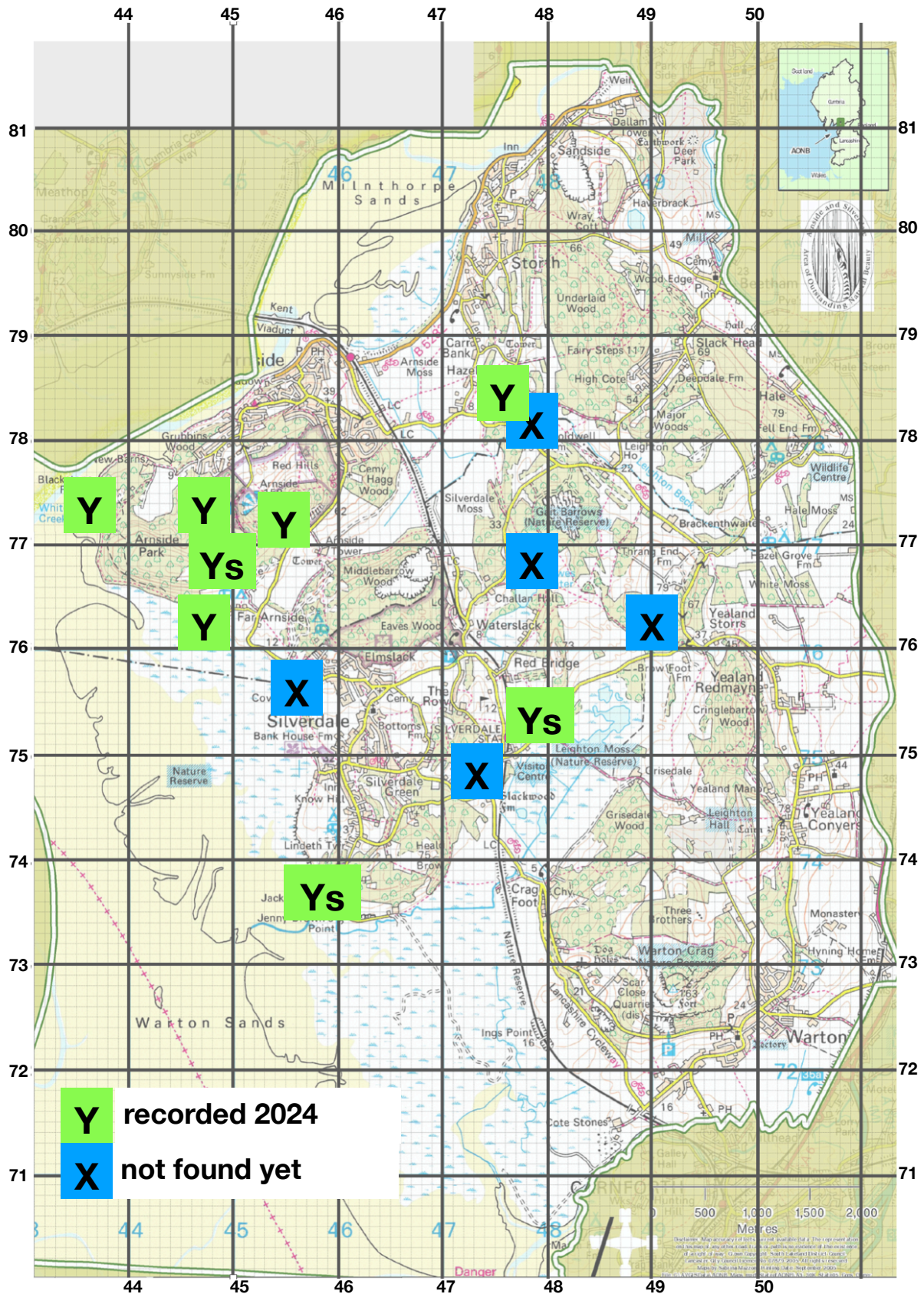
This is a small sedge that flowers very early in the year. It is a plant of limestone grassland. It is one of the first sedges to flower. The best time is the 2nd week in April to the 2nd week in May. The male spike is just above the **unstaked** female spikes. It is easy to confuse it with Spring sedge *Carex caryophylla*. However you can tell them apart with a hand lens. *Carex ericetorum* has dark brown/purplish glumes with a light edge and a rounded tip.



Carex caryophylla has light brown/green glumes with a pointed tip.

Carex ericetorum 2023/4

4 fig ref	site	grid ref	recorder	date	num ber	comment
4377	Arnside Point	SD43737718	LM/NF	23/04/23	3	3 in flower with more rosettes
4476	Far Arnside	SD4434676516	LF/PB	19/04/24	7 plus	Far Arnside coast path on sea side of path above cliff. Also at SD4492476708
4476	Heathwaite 1	SD4492776705	LF	16/04/24	10	Middle Bluff more further down slope at SD4492476708
4476	Heathwaite 2	SD4485376780	LF	16/04/24	6	Upper Bluff
4476	Heathwaite 3	SD4498376802	LF	16/04/24	lots	Top field
4477	Copriding	SD4482477263	AMcL	17/04/24	7	in juniper field also at SD4489277293
4573	Jack Scout 1	SD4590873675	LF	14/04/24	2 m sq	Jack Scout NT above stile to shore and near seat. also SD4590773680
4573	Jack Scout 2	SD4589973692	LF	14/04/24	64	rocky outcrop facing SW between hawthorns
4577	Arnside Knott	SD456773	LF	16/04/24	11	above scree on south side with Viola rup.
4577	Arnside Knott	SD4556877283	LM/NF	25/04/23	some	scattered over slope
4775	S Golf Club 1	SD4791775317	LF	20/04/24	5	Above pheasant pens on bank facing across RSPBLM also SD4792275311
4775	S Golf Club 2	SD4785375271	LF/BG	23/04/24	200 plus	on bank stretching to SD4784275277. BG is grazer. best site so far
4778	hazelslack	SD4740678547	LM/NF	28/04.23	10+	



None seen for many years at the following 6 sites: SD456754-Silverdale Cove, SD4784376785-Haweswater, SD474782 and SD473786 - Carr Bank/Hazelslack area, SD487760 - Yealand Hall Allotments and SD473749 - Myers Allotment.