

Rare sedge found

A recent search for the rare Western Australian sandplain sedge (*Restio chaunocoleus*) has resulted in the discovery of 4000 plants in the Majestic Heights area, near Toodyay.

The joint survey was carried out by CALM and the Toodyay Naturalists' Club.

CALM Mundaring's nature conservation officer John Carter said that the discovery was well beyond

all expectations, bringing the known total population of the sandplain sedge in WA to 15 000 plants, an increase of 35 per cent.

An earlier discovery of 11 000 plants in and around the Badgingarra National Park, 150 kilometres north of Majestic Heights, had enhanced the conservation status of the species.

"We arranged with private owners whose properties had vegetation likely to contain the rare plants,

to carry out the survey on their land," John said.

"As well as a satisfying result, we were also afforded the opportunity to liaise with the owners and discuss species management and general conservation issues.

"The positive feedback we have received from the property owners leads us to believe the long-term future of the sandplain sedge has been enhanced considerably," John said.



CALM volunteer and Toodyay Naturalists' Club member Wayne Clark, examining the rare sandplain sedge. Photo by John Carter



CALM volunteer and

Toodyay Naturalists' Club member,

Wayne Clark, surveyed the rare

Sandplain Sedge, Restio chaunocoleus.

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