



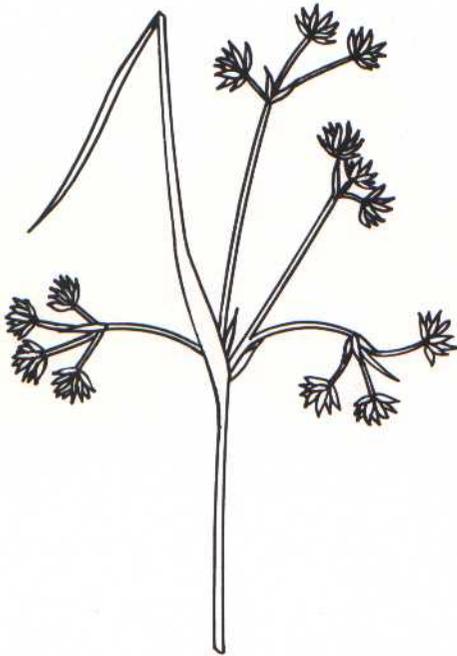
BLACK NEEDLERUSH

Juncus Roemerianus

Located in coastal brackish and saltmarshes from Maryland south and locally north to New Jersey. Also known as Roemer's Rush.

Stems and leaves round in cross-section; 0.5 to 1.5 m high; rigid with sharp-pointed tips (capable of puncturing the skin); arising from a tough horizontal root system. Lower part of stems and leaves enclosed in a sheath. Flowering structure appearing to arise from the side of the stem. Flowers green to brown; clustered on several branches 5 to 15 cm long; a 10 to 25 cm long leaf arises from the origin of the flowers and looks like a continuation of the stem.

When found in dense stands, the marsh appears to be brown or gray-black. The color generally is the same throughout the year since the previous years stems often remain standing through the next growing season. See the general description of wildlife value on p. 14.00.



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