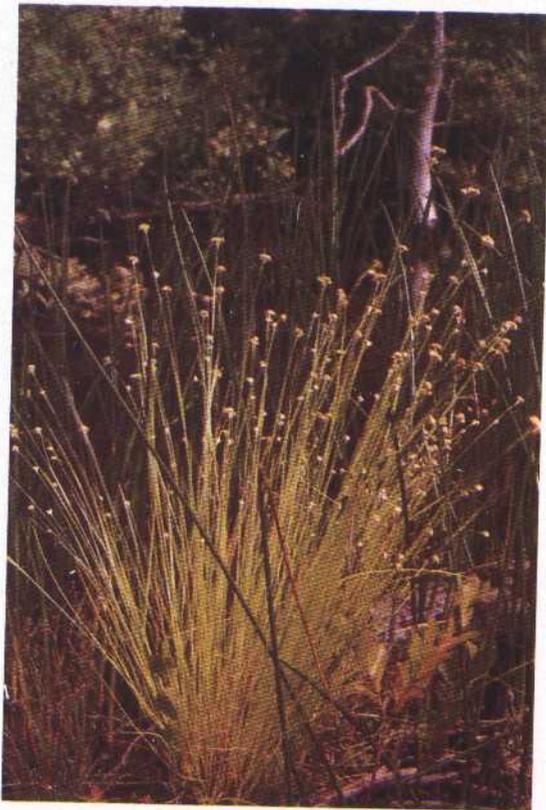


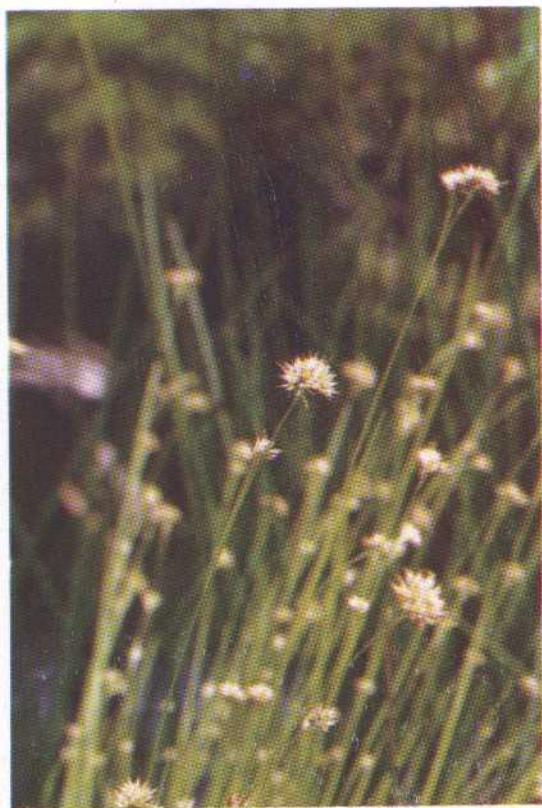
BEAK-RUSHES  
*Rhynchospora* spp

A larger and varied genus; Gray's Manual lists 27 wetland species that can be found within the Division. Representative species are found in a wide variety of wetland habitats, including swamps, bogs, pinelands and fresh tidal marshes.

These leafy-stemmed sedges are chiefly perennials. The stems are erect, triangular (sometimes round) in cross-section; up to 2 m high but generally 1 m or less. The leaves are narrow flat or in-rolled and grass-like; from much shorter to longer than the stem. Depending upon the species, the stems end in one or more clusters of spikelets which are subtended by a leaf-like bract of various length; flowering during the summer.

The nutlets serve as food for ducks.





Notes