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Atriplex patula

Located in salt marshes and meadows (also may be found in waste places and inland saline soils) along the coast throughout the Division. Highly variable in form with several recognized varieties. Also known as Lamb's Quarters.

An unbranched to many branched smooth-stemmed annual; green to reddish or purple; lower and sometimes all branches opposite, erect; to 1.5 m high. The slender-stalked, green leaves are fleshy, toothless or sparingly toothed, narrow, lance-shaped to broadly triangular with basal lobes. Flowers scattered along slender, mostly leafless spikes at the ends of the stem and branches; blooming from August to October.

The seeds are of importance as food for waterfowl, Ipswich, Seaside and Sharp-tailed sparrows and small mammals.



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