

WALTER'S WILDMILLET
Echinochloa walteri

Located in alkaline marshes, swamps and shallow water along the coast throughout the Division. Also known as Saltmarsh Cockspur-grass.

A coarse grass with robust, smooth stems; up to 2.3 m high. Lower leaf-sheaths with stiff hairs. Leaf-blades hard, firm and rough above, smooth below; 0.5 to 3 cm wide. The dense cluster of 10 to 40 flowering branches at the end of the stem is lance to oval-lance-shaped, arching, purple (rarely green); 8 to 45 cm long, 1.5 to 10 cm thick. The densely flowered, crowded branches strongly overlap and are covered with numerous long, stiff bristles; blooming from August to October.



The seeds are important food items for waterfowl, marsh-, shore-, game- and songbirds. The vegetation is also used as food by muskrat and rabbit.



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