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Scirpus americanus

Common Three-square



Also called *Scirpus pungens*. The bulrushes are grass-like plants, growing in clumps in wet meadows, swamps, shores, and in shallow water. They are important food and shelter plants for waterfowl and wildlife. Stems are 3-sided, hence the common name.

Suggested companions: other bulrushes, sedges (*Carex* sp.), soft-stemmed rush (*Juncus effusus*), arrowhead (*Sagittaria latifolia*).

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Plant Type: Grass/Grasslike

Size: 1-4' H
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Water Tolerant: Very

Soil: Very Damp/Wet
Rich Moist

Flower Color:

Bloom Time:

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting

Habitat:

Open Shallow Water
Lake or Pond Edge
Streamside

Exposure: sun

Plant in:

Groundcover: No