

# American Bur-reed

*Sparganium americanum*

-American Bur-reed (a.k.a. Nuttall's Burreed) is an interesting plant that is considered an emergent semi-aquatic. It grows to heights of 1-3 ½ feet tall.

-American Bur-reed has small flowers that appear in June and July, which turn dull brown to form a bur-like nutlet.

-American Bur-reed is a wonderful plant for wildlife. It grows in wet areas, such as shorelines, but needs full to partial sun.

-American Bur-reed is a perennial that over-winters by hardy rhizomes. New leaves emerge in the spring and flower stalks are evident by midsummer. The flowers are wind pollinated, with male and female flowers on the same plant. The fruit matures by late summer.

-Colonies of American Bur-reed help anchor sediment and provide nesting sites for waterfowl and shorebirds. The fruit is eaten by a variety of waterfowl.



**The whole of science is nothing more than a refinement of everyday thinking.**

**-Albert Einstein**