

Bottle Brush Sedge

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-The Bottle Brush Sedge is so named because the fruiting spikes look like little bottlebrushes. The stems range from knee-high to waist-high and support moderately wide leaf blades.

-It is an important food source for many species of waterfowl and is one of the best and most valuable shoreline stabilizers.

-The Bottle Brush Sedge is an important plant for loon nesting habitat. The plant buffers the waves to produce a shock absorbing effect and therefore prohibiting the loon eggs from washing out of their shoreline nest.

-Bottle Brush Sedge overwinters by producing new shoots on rhizomes in the fall. These remain dormant until the spring thaw. Flowering spikes are present by mid-summer and nutlets are mature by late summer. The seeds are sometimes carried to new sites by water and animals.

-Any self respecting fisherman will want to plant some Bottle Brush Sedge!

