

Hardstem Bulrush

Scirpus acutus

-Hardstem Bulrush has tall, sturdy stems that can reach heights of 9 feet tall. They emerge from a shallow rhizome and the cylindrical, olive-green stems are firm when pressed between your fingers. This firmness is due to many small chambers that fill the stem.

-Hardstem Bulrush can be found in wetlands, lakes, ponds, and streams. It is usually growing in water less than 6 feet deep, but it has been found considerably deeper. It prefers a firm substrate with good water movement in the root zone.

-Over the centuries, bulrush had remained one of the most popular plants for weaving mats and baskets. The long, leafless stems are leathery and pliable. They are also straight and don't have joints, which make weaving easier. When securely woven, a watertight container can be produced. Bulrushes are in prime condition for weaving when the spikelets are in bloom.

-I consider Hardstem Bulrush to be one of the most emergent aquatic plants that a person can plant for shoreline restoration. A nice colony of Hardstem Bulrush is basically the forest of the lake.



We shall require a substantially new manner of thinking if we are to survive.

-Albert Einstein