

Eleocharis obtusa

Blunt Spike Rush

Preferred Water Depth and Inundation Tolerance

Mudflat species. Needs saturated soil. Species tolerates inundation to a depth of 6 inches.

Wildlife Value

Rhizomes and achenes are eaten by waterfowl. Also provides food for rails, muskrat, and rabbit.

Application/Zone

Used in upper shoreline zones, for streambank stabilization, and in vegetated swales.

Availability, Establishment, and Maintenance

- Annual. Spreads by seed where there is no competition.
- Requires drawdown for seeds to germinate.

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Mature Height

12-18 inches

Plant Type

Annual tufted herb

Indicator Status

Obligate

pH

Not available

Nutrient Load Tolerance

Moderate to high

Salt Tolerance

Low to moderate

Siltation Tolerance

Low

Flowering Color and Time

Brown

June to October

Light Preference

Full sun

Seeding Rate

.02 - .4 lbs/acre

