

# *Carex comosa*

# Bristly Sedge

## Preferred Water Depth and Inundation Tolerance

Prefers 0 - 12 inches. Species tolerates early seasonal flooding.

## Wildlife Value

Fruits are eaten by waterfowl. Also provides food for sora and yellow rails, swamp and tree sparrows, snipe and other song birds.

## Application/Zone

Used in upper shoreline zones. Marsh species that forms clumps.

## Availability, Establishment, and Maintenance

- Plugs seem to work best. Plant on 0.5-1.5 foot centers because of slow rate of spread.
- There are some known cases of seed germination in restored wet areas.
- Cold, moist stratification may be needed for seeds.

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**Mature Height**

1.5-4.0 feet

**Plant Type**

Perennial sedge

**Indicator Status**

Obligate

**pH**

Not available

**Nutrient Load Tolerance**

Low

**Salt Tolerance**

Low

**Siltation Tolerance**

Not tolerant

**Flowering Color and Time**

Green

May to July

**Light Preference**

Partial to full sun

**Seeding Rate**

.125 lbs/acre

