

Eleocharis smallii

Creeping Spike Rush

Marsh Spike Rush

Preferred Water Depth and Inundation Tolerance

Mudflat species. This species needs saturated soil.

Wildlife Value

Achenes are eaten by waterfowl.

Application/Zone

Extensive creeping rhizomes can stabilize upper shoreline zones and streambanks.

Availability, Establishment, and Maintenance

- Perennial, spreads by seed where competition is reduced.
- Sow fresh seed on mudflats (under drawdown condition).

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Mature Height

12-18 inches

Plant Type

Perennial herb

Indicator Status

Obligate

pH

Not available

Nutrient Load Tolerance

Low

Salt Tolerance

Moderate

Siltation Tolerance

Low

Flowering Color and Time

Brown

June to September

Light Preference

Full sun

Seeding Rate

.02 - .4 lbs/acre

