

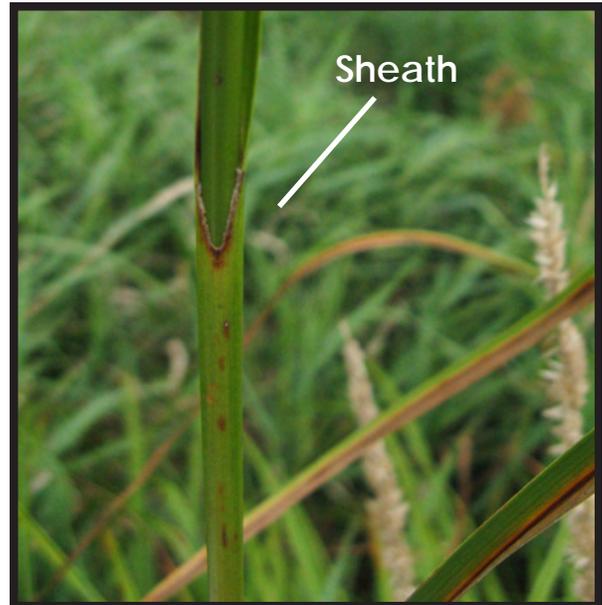
Woolgrass

Scirpus cyperinus

Minnesota C-Value: 3
Wetland Indicator Status: OBL
Native



Flower head



Sheath



Leaves: Mostly crowded at base of plant, smooth and flat, <13 mm wide. Leaves have rough margins and a reddish brown base.

Stems: 3-angled to nearly rounded, erect, smooth, and leafy. Grows up to 2 meters tall.

Flowers and fruit: Spikelets numerous, grouped into large, spreading branched heads. Spikelets 3-8 mm long. Three or more bracts found beneath the inflorescence. Spikelets 'wooly' when mature because of elongated bristles. Nodding in appearance.

Plant communities: Wet meadows, shallow marshes, fens, wet woods, lake edges, ditches, bog margins.

Comments: Perennial bulrush. Flower heads of woolgrass are more open than green bulrush (*S. atrovirens*), which also has a more triangular stem.