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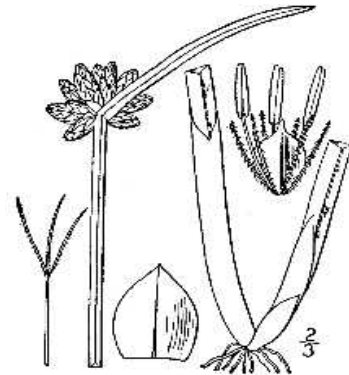
Ricefield Bulrush (*Scirpus mucronatus*) Eradication

What is Ricefield Bulrush?

- Invasive Eurasian plant which crowds out native and beneficial wetland plants that provide important food and cover for wildlife
- Accidentally introduced during wetland habitat restoration projects in the late 1990s

What are its identifying characteristics?

- *Mature plant*
180-degree angle of leaves
Flower head forms at upper end of stem-like leaf
Mature plants are about 2 to 3 feet (60 - 90 cm)



Where is it found locally?

- At this time, ricefield bulrush is found only on Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. Originally planted in eight wetlands, it has now infested 14 wetlands. This is the reason it is so urgent to eradicate the plant NOW!

What you can do!

- You can assist by manually removing ricefield bulrush during the summer and early fall months!
- We need your help!
- Call (360) 887-4106 or email Elena_Perez@fws.gov



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Control and eradication plan for ricefield bulrush (*Scirpus mucronatus*) at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

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