

Dulichium arundinaceum



three-way sedge

Family Cyperaceae

Origin Native

WIS Code OBL CoC 5

DESCRIPTION

Three-way sedge is a rooted emergent perennial aquatic species. Stems are unbranched, erect, round and hollow to 1 m tall. Leaves are narrow, flat and arranged in three vertical rows that are obvious when viewed from above. This perennial often forms extensive colonies from spreading rhizomes (underground stems). The combination of numerous three-ranked stem leaves, rounded stems, and flower spikelets arranged alternately in two opposite rows is unique to this species.

FLOWERS AND FRUITS

July to October. Flowers are flattened spikelets having a gold hue contrasted against the bright green stem. They are found in the leaf axils (where leaf meets stem) of the upper stem. The fruit is flattened with a long beak and narrow base.

HABITAT

Acidic, sandy, or peaty soil of peatlands, swamps, or in standing water along the edges of ponds, particularly in the mountain counties.

SIMILAR SPECIES

None.



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