

INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT!

ENGLISH CORDGRASS

(*Spartina anglica*)

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

DESCRIPTION

- Perennial, salt-tolerant grass grows as single or circular clone.
- Reddish stems grow up to 1.5 m tall.
- Bright green leaf blades grow at distinctive 45-90 degree angle to the stem.
- Erect inflorescence with 2-12 'spikes' along one side only.
- Reproduces from root fragments and seed.
- New areas typically colonized by floating seed, newly established plants spread into circular clones mainly by rhizomes.
- Reproductive parts disperse mainly by ocean currents and on floating mats of wrack but may also be spread by waterfowl.
- Seeds can float up to 2 months and remain viable until the following spring if kept wet and cool.
- Prefers high marsh zone to intertidal mudflat where native marsh plants will not grow.



REPORT PROHIBITED SPECIES

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DISTRIBUTION IN BC

Confirmed sites limited to less than two hectares in the Boundary Bay and Robert's Bank mudflats of the Fraser River Delta.

PRIMARY THREAT: Soil accretion destroys valuable intertidal habitat, affects navigation and can cause flooding.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- REPORT sightings.
- SELECT non-invasive plants for your water garden.



For more information: www.for.gov.bc.ca/hra/Plants/prohibited.htm

