

INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT!

DENSE-FLOWERED CORDGRASS

(*Spartina densiflora*)

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

DESCRIPTION

- Perennial, salt-tolerant grass grows in dense tufts or clumps.
- Stems up to 1.5 m tall; narrow grayish-green leaves roll inward, 12-43 cm long.
- Inflorescence of 2-13 'spikes' grow at 60 degree angle from central axis.
- 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.
- Found on cobble beaches to salt marshes, including high marsh to upper mudflats.



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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 and rock garden.



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DISTRIBUTION IN BC

Confirmed sites limited to Baynes Sound, Denman Island and Comox Estuary, off the central east coast of Vancouver Island.



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