

INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT!

SALTMEADOW CORDGRASS

(*Spartina patens*)

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

DESCRIPTION

- Perennial, salt-tolerant grass grows as a dense mat.
- Thin, pliant stems grow up to 1.2 m tall.
- Leaves are inward-rolled, 10-50 cm long.
- Inflorescence is droopy and reddish-coloured.
- Reproduces mainly by rhizome but seeds may colonize low sand flats where moisture is suitable.
- Newly established plants spread into clonal mats 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 but to 26 days and remain viable until the following spring if kept wet and cool.
- Prefers high marsh zone.



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DISTRIBUTION IN BC

Confirmed sites limited to Burrard Inlet (Metro Vancouver) and Comox Estuary (central east coast of Vancouver Island).



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.



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