Needlerush  (*Juncus roemerianus*)

**Instant ID**
- Gray-green plant with tufts of stems and leaves
- Can grow over six-feet tall
- Size and shape depend on salt content in soil
- Large and small (dwarf) varieties
- Can live for many years (perennial)

**Native Niches**
- Common in salt marshes and estuaries
- Found along the southeastern coastline of the United States
- Covers 60% of northwestern Florida marshes
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Plant Particulars
- Helps clean up after oil spills
- Other names include black rush and black needlerush
- Dead leaves stay on the plant for a long time
- Grows new shoots and leaves year-round
- Named for sharp pointed stem tips

Population Protection
- Protecting wetlands provides habitat for native species and supports the biodiversity of Floridian ecosystems
- Healthy wetlands filter pollution from rainwater entering the marsh