

Tufted Clubrush, Scirpus cespitosus (Trichophorum cespitosum)

Range: It is common throughout the country.

Climate, elevation: Found from gravely shores to wet tundra.

Local occurrence: Common in the Pacific North West coast and mountains.

Habitat preferences: It is found in bogs, gravely coast, or wet tundra. Often found in the dryer area of a bog that is regularly burned.

Plant strategy type/successional stage: This plant is a hearty sedge that comes from a short rhizome.

Associated species: Related to American bulrush, which I more common at lower elevations

May be collected as: Seed or by splitting apart a tussock of rhizomes.

Collection restrictions or guidelines: Seeds can be collected as a seed-like achene in July- August.

Seed germination: No dormancy breaking or stratification requirements

Seed life: Can be dried and stored

Recommended seed storage conditions: Dried and stored in cold place

Propagation recommendations: can be propagated by seed, but easiest to separate a clump of them.

Soil or medium requirements: Coarse material with peat, to simulate a bog.

Installation form: After propagating from seed or rhizomes it is easiest to install from small pots into a wet environment.

Recommended planting density: Should not be to dense, as the rhizome will send up new shoots.

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Care requirements after installed: If in a sufficiently wet area, all it will require is weed suppression while it establishes.

Normal rate of growth or spread; lifespan: This is not known to be a quickly spreading plant, but once it

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establishes the dense rhizomes will suppress invasives.

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