

Salt Marsh Cordgrass

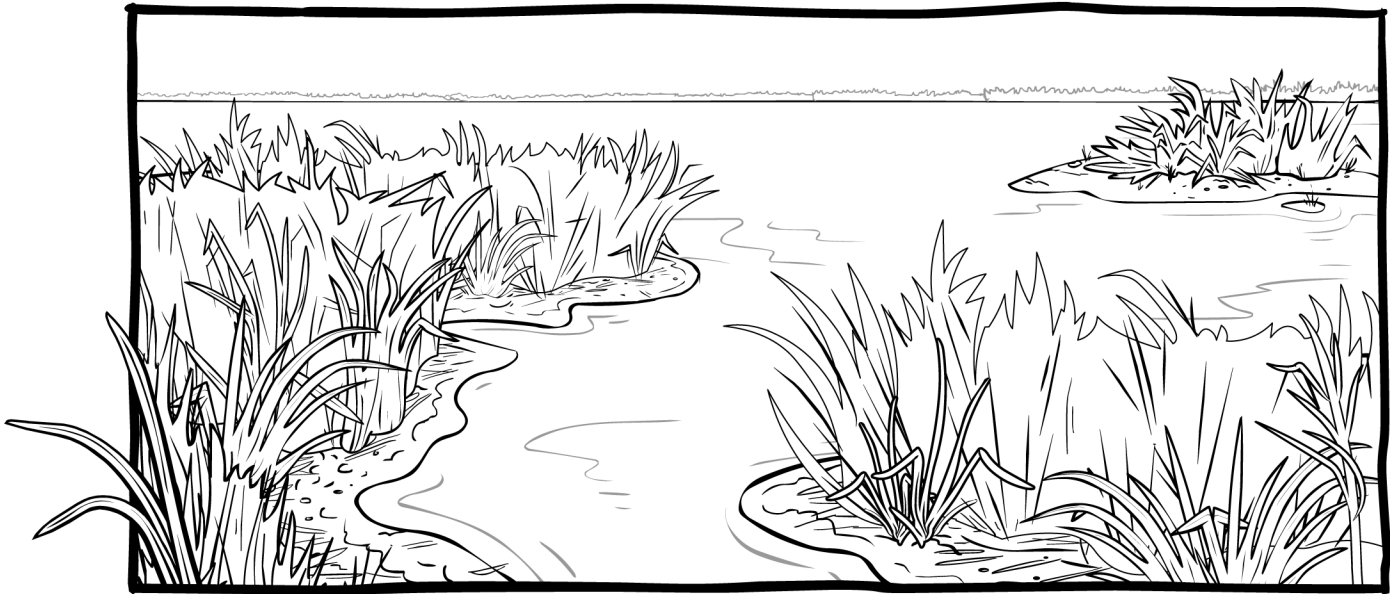
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Instant ID

- Grows up to eight feet tall
- Leaves are green with silver undersides
- Forms thick mats over time
- Yellowish-green flowers appear late summer through fall

Native Niches

- Requires full sun and lots of moisture
- Grows throughout the Atlantic coast of the Americas and the Gulf of Mexico
- Found in brackish (slightly salty) to very salty areas



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Plant Particulars

- Roots are an important food source for geese
- Muskrats and deer graze on leaves
- Seeds eaten by a variety of birds
- Helps salt marshes grow
- A dominant grass in Southeastern coasts

Population Protection

- Roots stabilize soil which protect shorelines from erosion and storm surge
- Provides habitat for native species and supports the biodiversity of Floridian ecosystems