

## *Schoenoplectus mucronatus*, Bog Bulrush

Bulrush is a semi-aquatic sedge that can be invasive in many shallow-water habitats. There is one historical record in the CapMo region though no recent reports.

**Population Status:** Confirmed- Lower Hudson PRISM, Finger Lakes PRISM.

**Description:** This plant grows 20-39 inches tall with triangular stems and leaves. (sedges have edges) The fruits are broad and nut-like that often grow in spikelets of six out of the middle of the stem. It typically occurs on organic sediments, though can also grow in clay. This plant was introduced in California from Eurasia, where it has been documented since 1942.

**Control:** Can be dug out in shallow water, is time consuming but reported to be effective when removing as much of the root system as possible.

**Look-alikes:** Native sedges such as the Fox Sedge.

**Flower Time and Description:** Flowers are described as terminal with 4-20 clustered spikelets which are covered with rust-colored scales. From this seed-head, there is a bract that comes out at a right angle which is the distinguishing characteristic of this plant.

