

# Terrestrial & Palustrine Plant Communities Of Pennsylvania

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## Bulrush marsh

These are communities dominated by *Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani* (soft-stem bulrush), and/or *S. acutus* (hard-stemmed bulrush), or less commonly *S. pungens* (chairmaker's rush), *S. purshianus* (a bulrush), *S. fluviatilis*<sup>S</sup> (river bulrush), or *S. torreyi*<sup>S</sup> (Torrey's bulrush). This community type occurs along lake and pond margins, on mudflats, and in shallow water—both tidal and non-tidal.

**Related types:** This community type is easily distinguished by its clear dominance of *Schoenoplectus* spp. (bulrushes). It may occur in combination with virtually any community type that approaches a water body having the appropriate substrate.

**Range:** Entire state.

**Selected references:** Sneddon, Anderson, and Metzler 1996.

**[Crosswalk:** Smith's "Robust Emergent Marsh" (in part), TNC's *Scirpus* spp. Herbaceous Alliance.]