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# NARROW-LEAVED BUR-REED

*Sparganium angustifolium*

## Habitat Preference

Found in freshwater ponds and lakes, as well as slow-moving rivers and streams.

## Characteristics

### **Vegetative**

Linear, *basal* (2) leaf blades, one per *node* (12), along the stem.

### **Flowers**

Round flower heads with spike-like arrangements, green to brown/white. Burr-like seed embedded inside the flowers.

## Ecological Contributions to Lake Champlain

- Fruits are a source of food for waterfowl.
- Prefer *oligotrophic* (13) waters and can be an indicator of these conditions.
- Provide cover for larvae of fish such as northern pike.

