



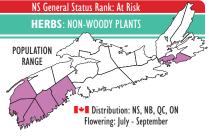


Habitat:

Sandy, muddy or peaty lakeshores and often in shallow water.

Similar species: Purple Bladderwort (Utricularia purpurea, page 37) also has purple flowers but it is an aquatic species with long floating stems.

Interesting point: There are over 200 bladderwort species worldwide and they are found on every continent except Antarctica.



SIZE: Flower stalk up to 10 cm high. LEAVES: Very small and inconspicuous, forming a tiny turf of thin grass-like leaves up to 3 cm long near the base of the flower stalk in the substrate. Some leaves bear small bladder-like insect traps near their

STEM: Flower stalk unbranched and slender. The underground root-like branches bear small bladder-like insect traps which are difficult to observe. FLOWERS: Purple, two-lipped, and 1 cm long. Flowers are tipped backwards so that the lower lip, divided into 3 lobes, is facing upwards. A single flower sits at the top of each flower stalk, 2-10 cm high. Below the flower there is a tube-like leaf (bract) surrounding the

FRUITS: Round capsules.

NOTES: This species is inconspicuous and very difficult to detect when not in flower. It is a lakeshore species growing at the water's edge or in shallow water. At some sites, flowers are only produced in low water years.

