## **Toothed Flat-Sedge**

NS General Status Rank: Secure

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Spikelets sometimes develop into leafy shoots.

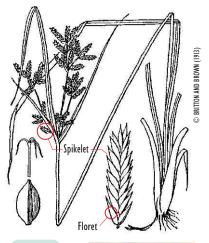


SIZE: 10-50 cm tall. **LEAVES:** At the base they are numerous, long, and narrow (2-5 mm wide). Near the top there are 3-5 smaller leaves (bracts) that are 2-5 cm long.

STEM: Triangular, 2-5 mm wide, with numerous branches (rays) at the top. FLOWERS: Called spikelets and are clustered at the tip of the rays. The spikelets are flat, 3-15 mm long, and contain 8-25 miniature flowers (florets) that appear hairy.

FRUITS: Each floret bears one small seed, 1 mm or less long.

**NOTES:** This species spreads using root-like stems that run along surface of the ground (called rhizomes) that end in a bulge called a tuber.



Habitat: Sandy and gravelly lakeshores. Interesting point: Some Cyperus species are cultivated for their tubers, which are an energy-rich food source. Similar species: None

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Flower spikelets