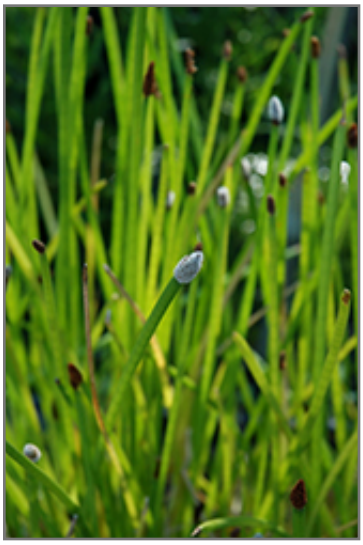
# Knotted Spikerush

***Eleocharis interstincta***



*Knotted Spikerush foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

**Description:**

A clumping water plant that produces rhizomes, and grows quickly; small, airy white flower spikes appear in spring; a freshwater wetland plant that is great for ponds or boggy areas

**Ornamental Features**

Knotted Spikerush features dainty spikes of white catkins rising above the foliage from late winter to mid spring. Its narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

**Landscape Attributes**

Knotted Spikerush is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Knotted Spikerush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Water Gardens
- Container Planting
- Bog Gardens

**Planting & Growing**

Knotted Spikerush will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.

Knotted Spikerush is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.