

Spartina

(*Spartina alterniflora*)



Spartina (also known as smooth cordgrass) is a perennial salt marsh grass that can grow as tall as 2.5 meters. One plant can develop into a large dense patch up to approximately 24 meters in diameter. As it is found on barren mud flats, it greatly reduces available shorebird feeding habitats. Spartina also displaces native vegetation on the shoreline of salt marshes.