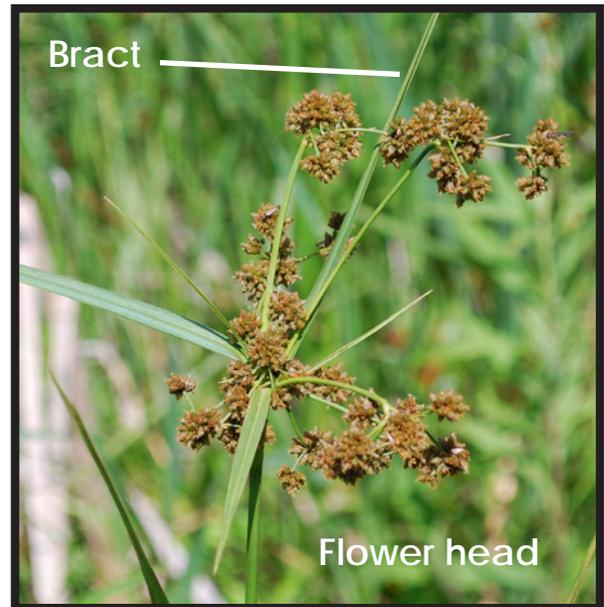


# Green bulrush

*Scirpus atrovirens*

Minnesota C-Value: 4  
Wetland Indicator Status: OBL  
Native



**Leaves:** Leaves 1-2 cm wide with a distinct M-shaped cross-section. Sheaths are brown or green with cross veins (septa). Modified leaves (bracts) at the base of the inflorescence are longer than the flower head.

**Stems:** 0.5-1.5 m tall. Roundly triangular towards the base.

**Flowers and fruit:** Spikelets 2-8 mm long, 1-3 mm wide, crowded into dense spherical heads. Flower heads are on stems, variable in length, up to 12 cm long extending in many directions. Scales dark brown with pale midribs. Perianth bristles present, same height or shorter than achene.

**Plant communities:** Wet & sedge meadows, shrub-carrs, streambanks.

**Comments:** Perennial. Variable in coloration. Cross veins in blades and sheaths more prominent in this species. Other relatives have more black pigmentation in scales of flower head. Woolgrass (*S. cyperinus*) easily differentiated by V-shaped leaves.

