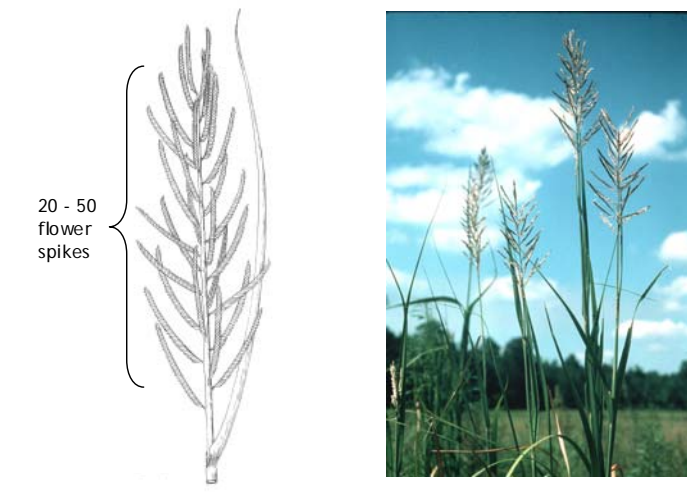
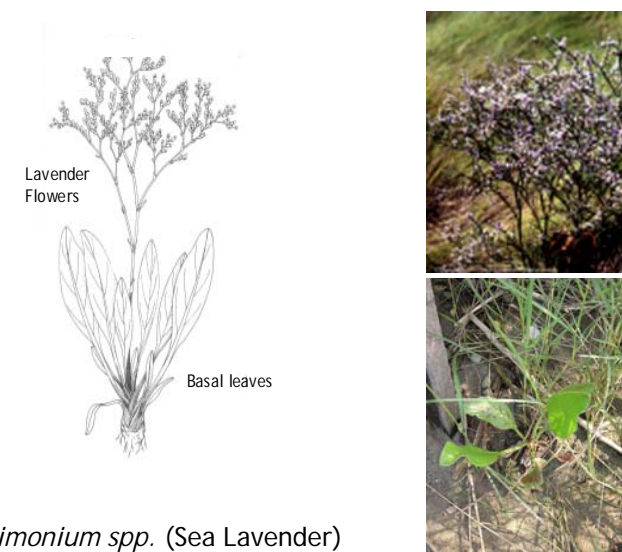




*Spartina alterniflora* (Smooth Cordgrass)  
 ↑ 1-8 ft \* August - October



*Spartina cynosuroides* (Big Cordgrass)  
 ↑ up to 10 ft \* July - September



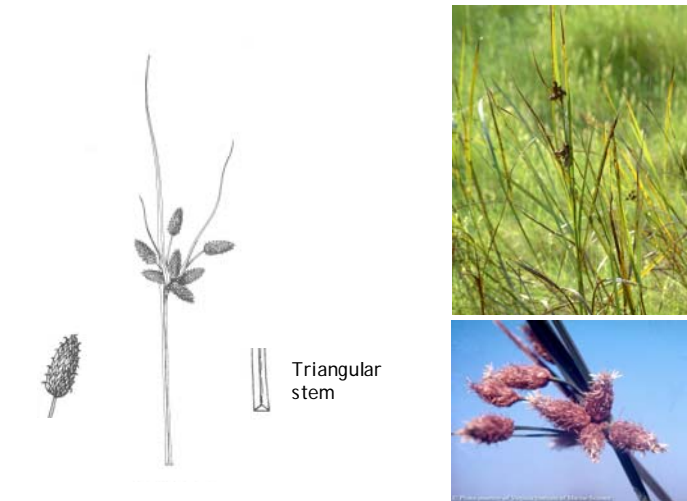
*Limonium spp.* (Sea Lavender)  
 ↑ up to 3 ft \* July - October



*Aster tenuifolius* (Salt Marsh Aster)  
 ↑ 1-4 ft \* July - September



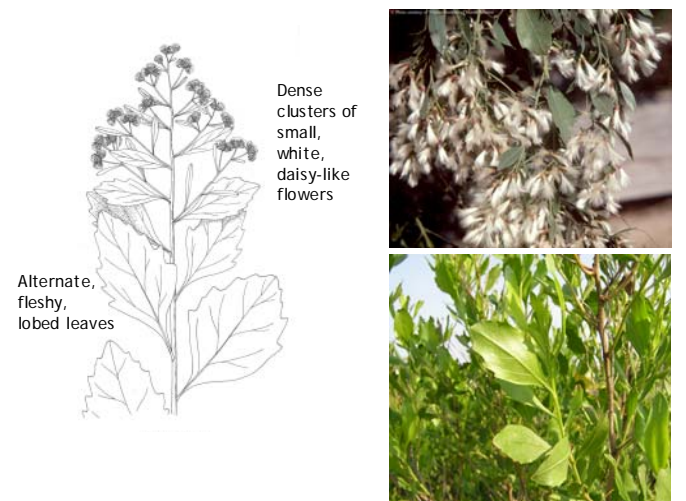
*Juncus roemerianus* (Black Needle Rush)  
 ↑ up to 3 ft. \* April - October



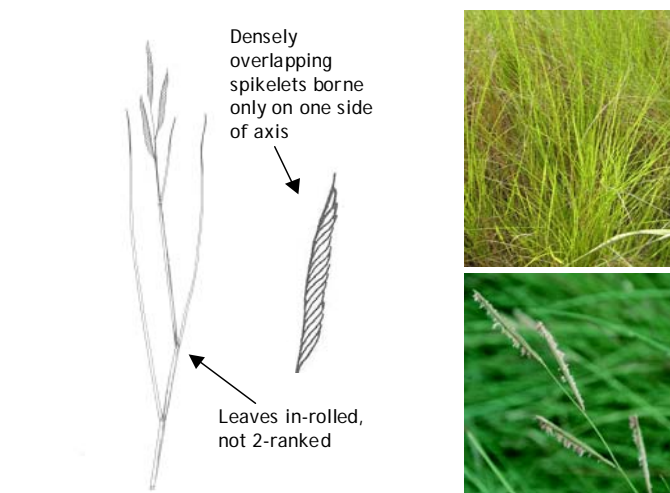
*Scirpus robustus* (Salt Marsh Bulrush)  
 ↑ 2-3 ft \* July - October



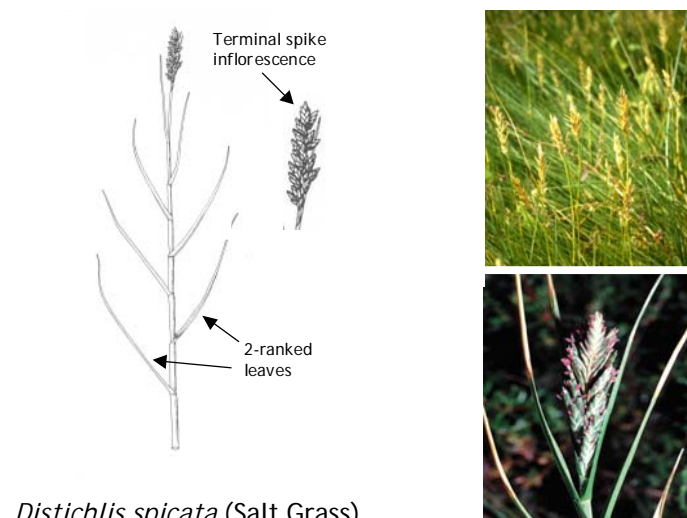
*Iva frutescens* (Marsh Elder)  
 ↑ 2-6 ft \* August - October



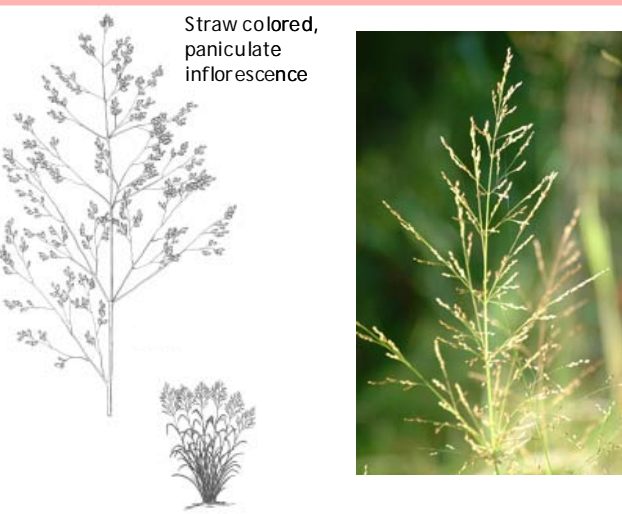
*Baccharis halimifolia* (Groundsel Tree)  
 ↑ up to 8 ft \* September - October



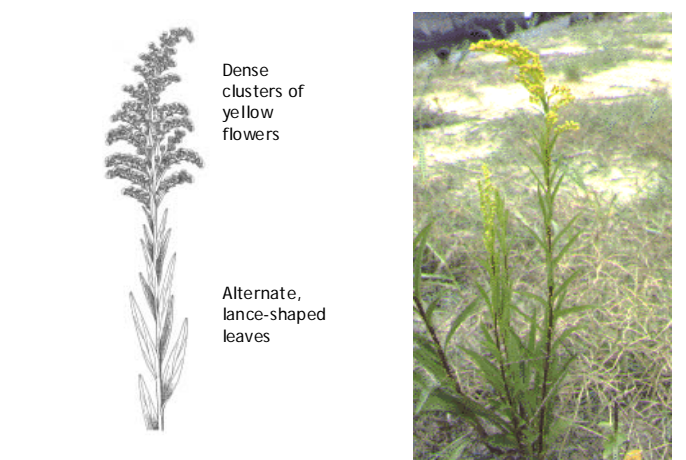
*Spartina patens* (Salt Meadow Hay)  
 ↑ 1-3 ft \* July - September



*Distichlis spicata* (Salt Grass)  
 ↑ 8-16 in \* July - September



*Panicum virgatum* (Switch Grass)  
 ↑ up to 3 ft. \* July - September



*Solidago sempervirens* (Seaside Goldenrod)  
 ↑ 4-5 ft \* August - October

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*Borrichia frutescens* (Sea Oxye)  
 ↑ up to 3 ft \* July - September

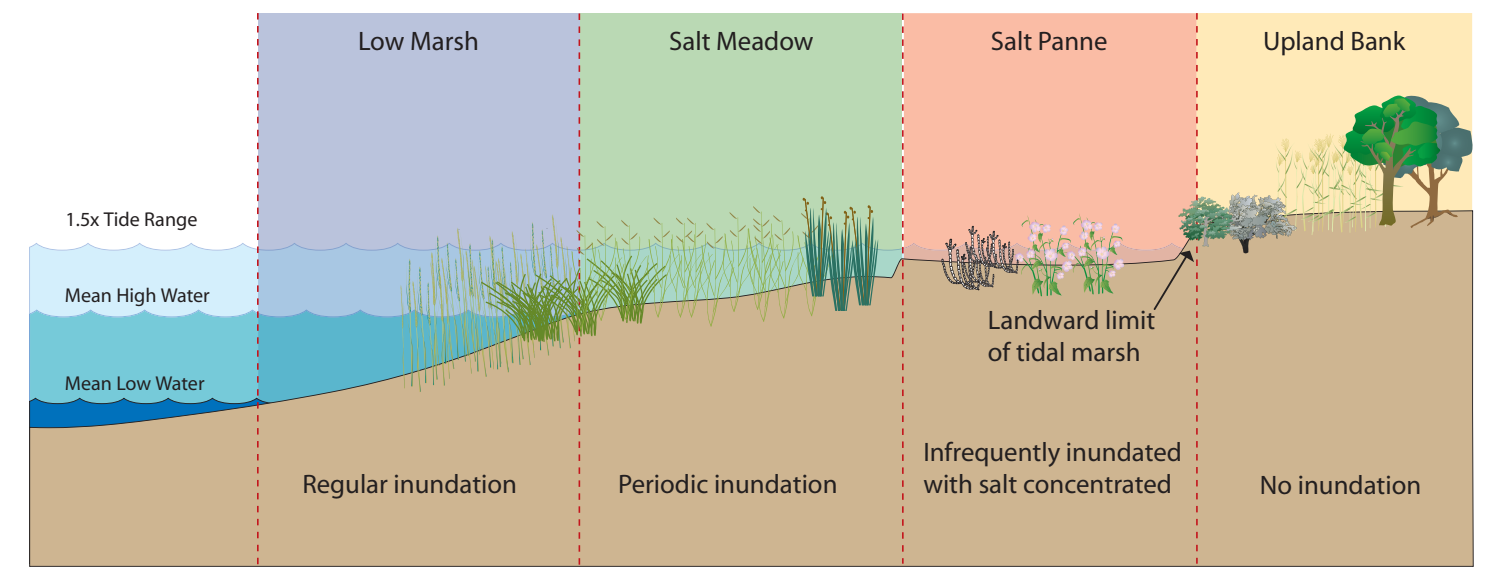
*Salicornia* spp. (Glasswort)  
 ↑ 4-20 in \* July - November

*Atriplex patula* (Orach Sparscale or Marsh Orach)  
 ↑ up to 4 ft \* July - September

*Phragmites australis* (Phragmites or Reed Grass)  
 ↑ 6- 14 ft \* September - October

*Kosteletzkya virginica* (Marsh Mallow)  
 ↑ 2-3 ft \* July - August

*Hibiscus moscheutos* (Marsh Hibiscus/Rose Mallow)  
 ↑ up to 12 ft \* July - September



Marsh zone →

**Marsh Zone Key**

- Low Marsh
- Salt Meadow
- Salt Panne
- Upland Bank

Annotated drawing → ← Plant photo

Scientific name → *Phragmites australis* (Phragmites or Reed Grass) ← Common name

↑ 6-14 ft \* September - October

Plant height      Blooming period

All illustrations in this brochure by Abigail Rorer from *Field Guide to Coastal Wetland Plants of the Southeastern United States*, Ralph W. Tiner, 1987, University of Massachusetts Press, Amherst, MA. 328 pp. This book is recommended reading for an easy-to-use field guide to over 400 plants found in tidal wetlands of the Southeast, with more than 250 plants illustrated. It includes species found in the following habitats: tidal aquatic beds, salt and brackish marshes, salt flats, mangrove swamps, and tidal freshwater marshes and swamps. Simple keys guide the reader in identification of these species. An overview of coastal wetland ecology is also presented along with information on and figures showing the general distribution of coastal wetlands along the South Atlantic and Gulf Coasts (Virginia to Texas).