

RHYNCHOSPORA RECOGNITA Gale  
Tall Grass-like Beak-rush

FAMILY: Cyperaceae

HABIT: Tufted, herbaceous perennial, fertile culms 0.5-7.5 dm.; fruiting July.

SIMILAR SPECIES: Very similar to *Rhynchospora capitellata*. The achene of *R. globularis* is transversely ridged; that of *R. capitellata* is smooth. Distinguished from the genus *Scleria* by the prominent tubercle on the summit of the achene. When immature, very similar to many types of young sedges or rushes.

TOTAL RANGE: NJ to SC and w. through the s. states, also inland from OH to n. IL and MO; tropical America.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): There are post-1980 collections from Lucas County. There are pre-1980 specimens from Erie and Ross counties.

HABITAT: Moist, open situations, usually in sandy substrates; fields, bogs, borders, clearings.

HAZARDS: Overgrowth by woody species through succession.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect complete, mature specimens.

COMMENTS: This is an obscure species that easily could be overlooked. The achenes may be nearly hidden among the leafy bracts. It should be sought in suitable habitats throughout glaciated Ohio.

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