

***Scleria triglomerata* Michx.**
Tall Nut-rush



Family: Cyperaceae

Synonyms: None

Description: Perennial with a short, stout rhizome.

Flowering: Late May to June

Fruiting: Late June to August

Similar Species: This species can be easily confused with the very similar *S. oligantha*. *Scleria triglomerata* lacks tubercles on the achene compared to 8-9 rounded tubercles of *S. oligantha*.



Total Range: USA: AL, AZ, CA, CN, DE, FL, GA, ID, KA, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MS, MO, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, OK, OR, RI, SC, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WY; **CAN:** ON; Mexico, Puerto Rico, Central & South America.

Ohio Range: Adams, Ashtabula, Erie, Fulton, Henry, Jackson, Lawrence, Lucas, Pike, Williams, & Wood counties.

Ohio Status: www.ohiodnr.com/dnap

Habitats: A variety of dry to moist, open habitats in sandy soils.

Threats: Major threats are over shading by woody vegetation from fire suppression, habitat loss and invasive species.

Conservation Potential: A number of populations occur on private and public lands. It can tolerate moderate disturbances.

Inventory Guidelines: Collect mature fruiting specimens.

Comments: This sedge is fairly conspicuous when mature although can be mistaken for the similar *Scleria oligantha* without mature achenes.

Scleria triglomerata is most common in the Oak Openings region with a few scattered sites in north-central and south-central Ohio. A number of specimens collected from Adams & Lawrence counties have been determined to be *Scleria oligantha*. There remains a few specimens from these two counties that need to be verified.

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