

# SPIRAL DITCHGRASS, WIDGEON-GRASS

*Ruppia cirrhosa*

Ditch-Grass Family (Ruppiaceae)

**Synonyms:** *Ruppia spiralis*; *Ruppia maritima* var. *occidentalis*; *Ruppia maritima* var. *spiralis*; *Ruppia occidentalis*; *Ruppia cirrhosa* ssp. *occidentalis*

**Habitat:** Shallow, alkaline waters; marshes, ponds, sloughs

**DISTRIBUTION**

**Yukon:** Central Yukon; known only from Needlerock Creek and a site south of Braeburn

**North America:** Western and central Canada, sporadically in United States

**World:** Circumpolar

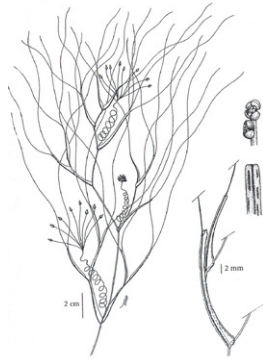
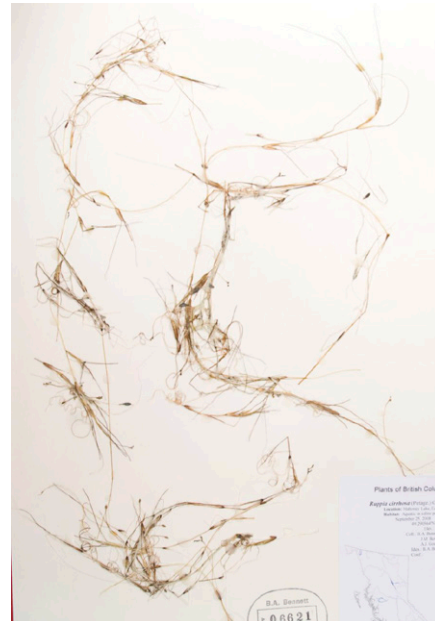
**CONSERVATION RANK**

**Global rank:** Secure (G5)

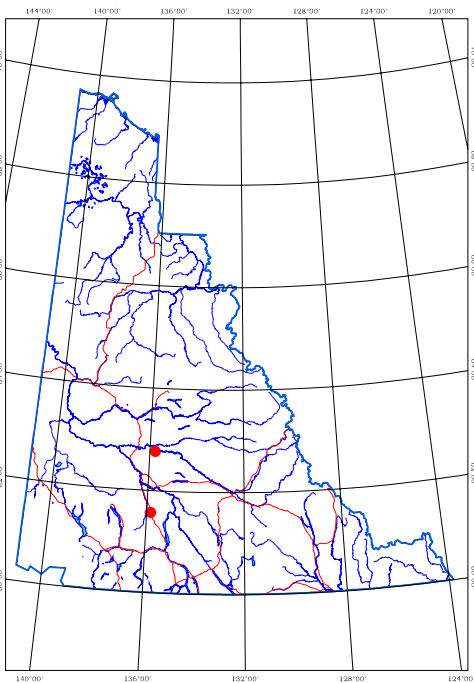
**Canadian rank:** Apparently Secure to Secure (N4N5)

**Yukon rank:** Critically Imperilled (S1)

**Distinguishing features:** *Ruppia cirrhosa* is a submerged, freely branched aquatic bearing alternate linear leaves. It is separated from *Ruppia spiralis* by having a peduncle with more than 5 coils, longer than 30 mm in fruit.



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