



# WHY PLANT SEDGES?

## HOW THEY ARE DIFFERENT FROM GRASSES:

GRASSES HAVE JOINTS. SEDGES HAVE NO JOINTS. SEDGE LEAVES ARE TRIANGULAR. SEDGES SEEDS ARE COVERED IN A SAC-LIKE STRUCTURE CALLED A PERIGYNIUM.

## REASONS FOR PLANTING SEDGES:

- USED AS NESTING SITES FOR WATERFOWL AND SANDHILL CRANES
- USED AS A NESTING MATERIAL FOR WATERFOWL AND OTHER BIRDS
- USED AS AN ESSENTIAL FOOD SOURCE FOR WATERFOWL AND OTHER BIRDS AND SEED EATING AND VEGETATION EATING MAMMALS (MUSKRATS, BEAVER, MOOSE, DEER)
- USED FOR EROSION CONTROL ON SHORELINES, ALSO FILTERING STORM WATER RUNOFF
- USED FOR RAIN GARDENS
  - SOME CAN TOLERATE BOTH DROUGHT AND FLOODING
  - SEDGES FILTER WATER, LESSENING POLLUTION
- USED AS SPAWNING HABITAT FOR FISH
- USED FOR LAKESHORE RESTORATIONS