



Plate 21.—Classification: SYSTEM Estuarine, SUBSYSTEM Intertidal, CLASS Emergent Wetland, SUBCLASS Persistent, DOMINANCE TYPE *Scirpus americanus*, WATER REGIME Regularly Flooded, WATER CHEMISTRY Mixohaline, SOIL Organic. Subordinate species include saltmeadow cordgrass (*Spartina patens*) and saltmarsh cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*); these appear as a fringe at the water's edge. (Dorchester County, Maryland; June 1974; Photo by V. Carter)