



# Texas Wild-Rice Species Information

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**Scientific Name:** *Zizania texana*

**Family:** Poaceae

**Description:** Texas wild-rice grows mostly submerged and has an emergent flowering head (rice seed). It has green leaves up to forty-five inches in length and a quarter inch to one inch wide. The stem can grow over twelve feet and the plant reproduces from runners and seedlings.

**Status:** It was listed as endangered in 1978 primarily due to habitat degradation and competition with non-native species.

**Native Area:** Texas wild-rice is an aquatic perennial grass (lives for more than two years) found only in the upper two miles of the San Marcos River in San Marcos, Texas.



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