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Salicornia bigelovii Torr.

Dwarf Glasswort

- State Rank: S1
- Global Rank: G5
- State Status: Special Concern

Habitat: Saltmarshes [Tidal wetland (non-forested, wetland)]

Range: Nova Scotia south along coast to Texas and Mexico. Also in California.

Aids to Identification: Glassworts are succulent, fleshy plants with opposite leaves and jointed stems that are found in saline environments. The leaves are very small and scale-like. The flowers are tiny and are sunken into the stem. Dwarf glasswort has ascending stems and pointed scales. The inflorescence is wider than the stem.



Known Distribution in Maine: This rare plant has been documented from a total of 9 towns in the following counties: Cumberland, Sagadahoc, York.

Ecological characteristics: Found growing in coastal saltmarshes.

Phenology: Flowering late summer and early fall.

Family: Amaranthaceae

Synonyms: *Salicornia mucronata* Bigelow.

Reason(s) for rarity:
At northern edge of range; scarcity of habitat.

Conservation considerations:
Hydrologic alteration of saltmarshes could pose threat to





populations.

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