

Equisetum arvense

Common Horsetail

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Stems of two kinds:

Sterile, to 2' tall, green, branching.

Fertile Stem, to 1' tall, unbranched, brown, fleshy, segmented; growing from underground rhizome.

Sterile green stems grow after fertile stems have wilted — March to May.

Native habitat: streambeds, wet meadows, other wet areas — in many parts of California, USA, Europe, Asia, below 1000.'

Full to part shade.

Requires regular watering.

Use in ponds, bird gardens.



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