

## Common Cotton-grass - *Eriophorum angustifolium*



### Description

Common cotton-grass is a has tough, rigid grass-like foliage (it is a sedge). The leaves are dark green 3-6mm wide and 5-10cm long, with a single edge running along the length of the blade, tapering to a 3-sided, pointed tip. The flower emerges in spring and when germinated takes on the recognisable white fluffy heads in groups of 3-7.

The plant is found in bog conditions, in soils that are waterlogged, acidic, and with very low nutrient availabilities.

### Soil regimes

<b>Soil reaction (R)</b>	4
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<b>Nitrogen availability (N)</b>	1
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