

OF Equisetum:
- Fossils have been found in parts of U.S. + Canada

- at first glance looks like spindly grass - grows 6" to 8" high

- does well even in poor soil + resistant to most herbicides

- often grows near pond or stream banks

Medicinal properties -

diuretic, topical wound treatment, may increase bone calcium

- HOWEVER - poisoning is possible (children can be affected by using hollow stems as whistles) so home prep. is NOT recommended.

CONTROL: NOT highly competitive - most perennial ground covers grow over horsetail

HORSETAIL (Equisetum arvense)

Genus Equisetum is one of the last remaining dinosaur-era plants!

Relatives of this plant can grow up to 15 feet TALL

