Field horsetail
Equisetum arvense L.

Life cycle: Perennial, spore-producing plant.

Leaves: Not present.

Stems: Vegetative stems are green and branch in whorls. Stems may have a bottle-brush appearance and should not exceed 2 feet in height. Stems die back to the ground in winter.

Flowers and fruit: Erect, unbranched, white to brown fruiting stalks (stems) bear terminal spore-releasing cones. Flowers are not produced.

Reproduction: Spores and prolific rhizomes.

Similar weeds
Scouringrush (E. hyemale L.). Differs by having larger evergreen stems with little or no branching. Grows only in wet areas.