Cladium mariscus is one of our rarer plants. It is only found in base-rich boggy areas. There are only a few colonies in Cumbria and Lancashire. It is a tall plant up to 2.5 metres in height but the long strap like leaves are usually bent in the middle leaving the flower stalks protruding. The lower leaves can reach 3 metres in length.

Historical records state that is found on both the east and west shores of Haweswater. The record below is on the west shore. It grows among the Phragmites australis. Small clumps can be easiest to see in the autumn when the Phragmites has died back.



Cladium mariscus

4 figure	Site	Grid Ref	Recorder	Date	Number	Comments
4776	Haweswater	SD4789776649	AK	7/08/23	lots	all along edge of lake
4776	Haweswater	SD4783676773	AK	26/11/23	several clumps	along lake edge

