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Eryngium prostratum Nutt.

These are small, trailing and mat-forming plants of wetlands and shorelines. Stems are much-branched and develop roots at the nodes, resulting in mats. Leaves are roundish, entire or slightly toothed, occasionally lobed, and about an inch in length. Bluish-purple flowers occur in small elongate heads on erect thin stalks from June-frost. A much larger species (*Eryngium yuccifolium*, Rattlesnake Master), with coarse erect stems and yucca-like leaves, occurs on some barrens-roadsides, such as by the Trace in the vicinity of Newby Cemetery Road (**Aplaceae**, the Parsley or Carrot Family).