



**Plate 24.**—Classification: SYSTEM Estuarine, SUBSYSTEM Intertidal, CLASS Scrub-Shrub Wetland, SUBCLASS Broad-leaved Deciduous, DOMINANCE TYPE *Iva frutescens*, WATER REGIME Irregularly Flooded, WATER CHEMISTRY Mixohaline, SOIL Mineral. Subordinate plants growing beneath the marsh elder are black grass (*Juncus gerardii*), salt grass (*Distichlis spicata*), and saltmeadow cordgrass (*Spartina patens*). This wetland lies toward the landward edge of an irregularly flooded persistent-emergent wetland dominated by saltmarsh cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*), saltmeadow cordgrass, and salt grass (background). (Washington County, Rhode Island; July 1977; Photo by F. C. Golet)