

Simplestem bur-reed

Sparganium erectum

Description

This species is listed on the USDA Federal Noxious Weed List.

Habit

Perennial wetland or aquatic herbaceous plant with slender rhizomes and grows to 3-8 ft. in height.

Leaves

Long, flat, alternate, slightly keeled, either floating or held above water.

Stems

Erect, slender, terete, nearly always branched above.

Flowers

Inflorescence is branched, 5-13 staminate heads and 2-4 pistillate heads. Pistillate heads are sessile.

Fruits and Seeds

Obovoid, sessile nutlets. Fruits have a truncated





top with a small style at tip.

Habitat

Native to North America. Can be found in swamps, bogs, canals, lakes and rivers.

Reproduction

Reproduced vegetatively via slender rhizomes.

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