

Hybrid cat-tail

Typha xglauca

Description

Hybrid cross between Narrowleaf cattail (<i>Typha angustifolia</i>) and Broadleaf cattail (<i>Typha latifolia</i>).

Habit

Aquatic; emergent perennial; 1.5-3 m (5-10 ft) tall.

Leaves

Variable width and height, usually 1 m (3 ft) long and 0.6-1.25 cm (0.25-0.5 in) wide.

Stems

2-3 m tall, stout in form.

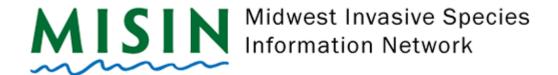
Flowers

Dense terminal spike, female flowers dark brown and located below the lighter male flowers, separated by a 2-10 cm (1.74-4 in) gap.

Fruits and Seeds

Tiny, sterile, dry follicle borne on a slender stalk having many long white hairs.





Habitat

Found in marshes, lakes, streams, and ditches; tolerates silt, road salt and nutrients.

Reproduction

By seed, also vegetatively by rhizomes.

Similar

Narrowleaf cattail (Typha angustifolia); Broadleaf cattail (Typha latifolia).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Managing water levels; introduction of saltwater; cutting, crushing, shearing and disking; prescribed burning; use of the herbicide glyphosate.

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