

## Graceful cat-tail

### *Typha laxmannii*

#### Description

#### Habit

Spreads by creeping rhizomes to form dense colonies in shallow water. Can reach a height of 3-5 feet tall, often with a submerged base.

#### Leaves

Narrow and green in color. They grow linear and sword-like up to 5 feet tall.

#### Stems

Pithy, simple, erect and up to 5 feet tall.

#### Flowers

Yellowing male flowers are located at the top of a flower stalk and greenish female flowers are located up to 2 inches underneath.

#### Fruits and Seeds

Female flowers turn brown after pollination as the seed mature. Seeds are small (about 1 mm) and hairy. They are dispersed by wind.





### **Habitat**

Native to Europe and Asia. Found in freshwater marshes, wet meadows, fens, roadsides, ditches, shallow ponds, stream and lake shores.

### **Reproduction**

By seed and vegetatively by underground rhizomes.

### **Similar**

Broad leaved cattail (*Typha latifolia*), narrow-leaved (*Typha angustifolia*) and Hybrid cattail (*Typha glauca*).

### **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

Cut all stems, both green and dead in mid to late summer or early fall. If possible, maintain a water level of a minimum of 3 inches above cut stems for entire growing season. Foliar spray with aquatic approved imazypr has been effective.

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