

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.

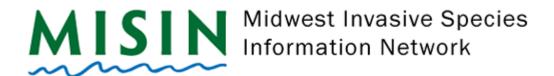
Flowers

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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