

## 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.

### **Similar**

### **Credits**

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