

# Flowering Rush

(*Butomus umbellatus*)

WEED ALERT!



**PLEASE REPORT  
THIS SPECIES!**



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## Description

- Native to temperate Eurasia.
- Emergent plant that grows along shorelines and wetlands or as a submergent plant in lakes and rivers.
- May or may not produce flowers. Flowers are pink to white. Blooms from June to August.
- Typically grows in shallow waters but can survive in water as deep as 6.1 meters.
- Disperses by wind, water and humans through improper garden waste disposal, water based recreation and trading.
- Known infestations in the Pend D’Orielle river in the state of Washington. Please report immediately if you suspect an infestation.

## Consequences of invasion

- Extremely aggressive, spreads quickly and displaces native shoreline vegetation.
- Adversely impacts native fish species by forming dense stands.
- Provides favourable habitat for invasive fish species such as small and large mouth bass, northern pike and walleye.
- Dense infestations negatively impact recreational boating and other recreational activities.

## Integrated Pest Management Options

- Do NOT plant flowering rush in your water gardens. Utilize an alternative such as western blue iris (*Iris missouriensis*).
- Properly dispose of garden and yard waste by bagging and disposing of at your local landfill.
- No known effective control method for flowering rush.

## More information available:

Invasive Species Council of Manitoba: [www.invasivespeciesmanitoba.com](http://www.invasivespeciesmanitoba.com)  
Montana State University: [www.msuextension.org](http://www.msuextension.org)



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