

Invasive Species Alert

Flowering Rush

(*Butomus umbellatus*)

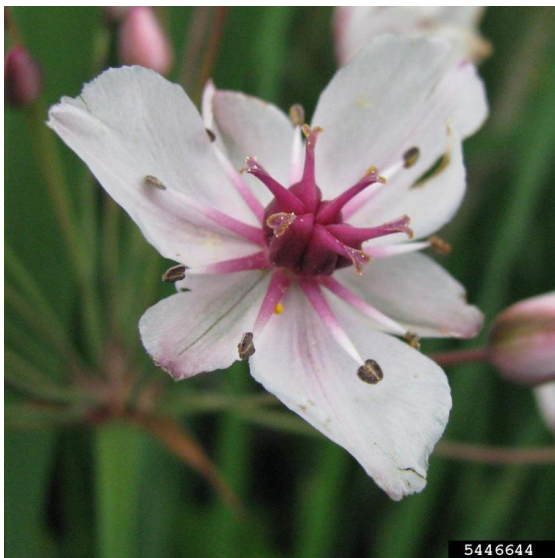
Established in Michigan

Identification:

- Resembles a large sedge
- May grow with upright foliage in shallow water or submerged with flexible leaves suspended in deeper waters
- Leaves have triangular cross section, are narrow, and twist toward the tip
- When flowering: flowers grow in round umbrella-like clusters of 20-50 flowers, 6 light pink to rose-colored petals per flower, 9 stamens per flower
- Difficult to identify when not flowering



Habitat: This perennial, aquatic, herbaceous plant typically grows in shallow sections of slow moving streams or rivers, lake shores, irrigation ditches, and wetlands, although it can survive in very clear water up to 20 feet deep.



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Native Range: Europe and Asia

U.S. Distribution: Most of the northern contiguous U.S.

Local Concern:

Flowering rush out-competes native species for resources and can hinder recreational activities like boating.



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