

NOT-WANTED!

FLOWERING RUSH *Butomus umbellatus*

EARLY DETECTION & CONTROL WILL PREVENT INFESTATIONS!



Infestation



Flowering Head (Umbel)



Flower detail

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Flowering Rush is a perennial wetland plant, from Africa, Asia and Europe. It grows along shorelines, in water up to six feet deep, and may emerge to reach 1 – 4 feet tall. The plant will also grow in deeper water as a submerged, difficult-to identify, non-flowering form.

Leaves are sword-like; both leaves and stems are triangular in cross-section. **Flowers** appear to have six petals, are rose-colored, pink, or white, 0.75-1” wide, arranged in umbels.

This plant spreads by **seeds**, **rhizomes** (underground stems) and bulb-lets which may float to new areas when disturbed. Plants are spread by boat traffic, ice movements and animals. Range is rapidly expanding in the Midwest.

Do Not Plant flowering rush! It is illegal to possess, buy or sell flowering rush in Minnesota. If you see this plant, report it to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR). **Removal requires a permit from the MNDNR.**

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