

INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT!

FLOWERING RUSH

(*Butomus umbellatus*)

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

DESCRIPTION

- Native to temperate Eurasia
- Perennial, aquatic macrophyte.
- Two plant forms: emerged and fully submerged. Submerged leaves limp and floating. Emerged form erect with solitary stem.
- May or may not produce flowers. Flowers grow in pink umbrella-like clusters of 20 to 50 flowers. Bloom from June to August.
- Leaf cross-section distinctly triangular.
- Typically grow in shallow waters but can survive in water as deep as 6 metres. Plant grows up to 1.5 metres tall.
- Reproduces mainly by rhizome and root bulblets, but also by seed.
- Local dispersal mainly by water, human recreation and improper garden waste disposal. Nursery sale is the main pathway for long distance spread.



REPORT PROHIBITED SPECIES

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PRIMARY THREAT: Impedes use of recreation, irrigation & industrial shallow waters.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- REPORT sightings.
- SELECT non-invasive plants for your water garden.



DISTRIBUTION

Confirmed in only two water bodies in B.C. in the Cariboo and Fraser Valley regions.



For more information: www.for.gov.bc.ca/hra/Plants/prohibited.htm