

Phragmites

Phragmites is a tall species of reed that can grow up to 15 feet in height. It typically lives in wetlands and marshes, and grows in dense stands that can push out native species. It destroys wildlife's native habitat, negatively impacts wetland ecosystems, and affects the flow of water. Native populations do occur in the United States and they are sometimes very difficult to distinguish from the exotics.

Native region: Europe, Asia, Africa

Introduction: Late 1700s or early 1800s; accidentally introduced from ballast material

Spread: Through rhizomes, plant fragments and seeds

Range: Ponds, lakes, coastal marshes and ditches across North America



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