



EASTERN UP INVASIVE: Eurasian Phragmites

Phragmites australis



Photo by L. J. Mehrhoff

WHY THE CONCERN?

Eurasian Phragmites (*Phragmites australis*) is an invasive species that can be found throughout the eastern Upper Peninsula and the Great Lakes basin. This plant is extremely difficult to control, so early detection is important. Not only does this plant prevent the growth of native species, but it can alter the hydrology of current watersheds and habitats causing a decrease in property value and recreational opportunity.

FEATURES OF EURASIAN PHRAGMITES

Eurasian Phragmites looks very similar to the native phragmites. Identifying characteristics include growing 6-15ft tall, dense monocultures, stem nodes that are green or tan (rather than reddish), leaf sheaths stay on year round, and dark blue-green leaves. For additional advice about identifying or controlling this invasive species, please contact Biological Services at (906) 248-8652.

CONTROL METHOD



Herbicide treatment supplemented with mechanical action is the most effective method of removal for this species.

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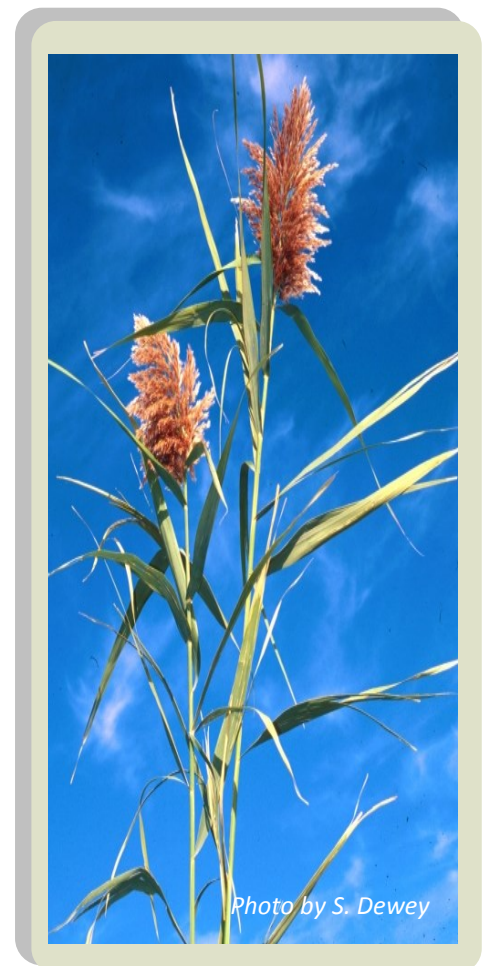


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