

# HAVE YOU SEEN THIS NOXIOUS WEED?

## Flowering rush

*Butomus umbellatus*

### TRIANGULAR LEAVES



### PROP FOULING



### LOOK FOR FLOWERING RUSH

in lakes, ponds,  
reservoirs, wetlands and slow  
moving rivers

- flowers grow as a single cluster on a round stalk that may be about 3 feet above the water
- in some areas plants never flower
- leaves are triangular near the base and flatten towards the top
- leaves can grow above or below the water and may twist at the tip

### Flowering rush is not yet established in Idaho County!

Control is extremely  
challenging so help us find  
new infestations early.

If you see or suspect flowering rush  
please contact:

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WHAT YOU  
GROW.**

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OF  
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### Why is flowering rush harmful?

- Serious infestations can impede or stop the use of that water body.
- Irrigation canals and lakes in Idaho have been devastated.
- Dense stands can alter fisheries and reduce trout populations.
- Flowering rush is associated with swimmer's itch.

### What can you do?

- Flowering rush has been sold as an ornamental plant in some nurseries and can still be found online. Do not buy or plant flowering rush.
- Plants are easily spread through root fragments. Be careful with equipment that was used in infested water.
- Flowering rush is not yet established in Idaho County. Be on the lookout for this noxious weed and report any infestations.

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