**Butomus umbellatus**

*Common name:* Flowering rush

*Origin:* East Asia

*Key features:*

**Stems:** Can be found along shorelines and into water 9 feet (3 m) deep  
**Leaves:** Long, narrow, sword shaped leaves up to 3 feet (1 m) tall that originate at base. Leaves are fleshy with twisted ends, grass-like, cross section of leaves are triangular  
**Flowers:** Inflorescence contains pink to white flowers 0.8-1.2 inches (2-3 cm) across with 3 petals and 3 sepals on a stalk that can be 3 feet (1 m) tall  
**Fruits/Seeds:** Fruit is a follicle  
**Reproduction:** Seeds and rhizomes

*Easily confused species:*

Bur-reeds: *Sparganium* spp.