

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower spikes and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, ACT



Plant. Photographer Don Wood, Tantawangalo Creek near Candelo



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Common name

Broad-leaved cumbungi, Bulrush, Flags

Family

Typhaceae

Where found

In and near fresh water. Widespread. No records from Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Grass-like **perennial** herb to 4 m tall. Leaves in 2 rows up the stems, to 200 cm long, 5-30 mm wide, hairless, usually bluish or grey-green, an open **sheath** at the base closely encircling the stem, the sheath of the upper 2-4 leaves with a distinct **auricle**. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers chestnut brown, in cylindrical spikes, the upper **spike** 100-300 mm long, 5-15 mm in diameter, of male flowers, and the lower spike 80-300 mm long, 10-40 mm in diameter, of female flowers. Male and female **spikes** not separated. or separated by up to 50 mm. Individual flowers small, with 0 **petals**. Flowers most of the year.

Difficult to distinguish from *Typha domingensis*. Accurate differentiation between the two species requires microscopic examination of the female spike.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. Always check native vegetation requirements before undertaking control of a weedy native plant.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Typha~orientalis> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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