

Least WANTED



Phragmites or Common Reed

Phragmites australis

Unwanted for: Crowding out native species

Plant Type: Large perennial light green to tan grass that forms dense colonies. Flower clusters are purplish to straw colored (native Phragmites looks very similar but is rare and known habitat is salt marsh edges and acidic fens). Native to Europe and Asia

What you can do:

- Apply herbicide (need wetlands permit).
- Dig up if just a few stems (need wetlands permit).
- Prevent spread by not using infested soil or fill.

Photos courtesy of Invasive Plant Atlas of New England

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Watershed Invasive
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(WISP)

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Apprehend this plant carefully, it may be mistaken for others!

