Typhaceae
The Cattail Family

2 genera
28 species

Distribution:
Cosmopolitan, yet small family. Most species found in the Northern Hemisphere.

Economic Uses:
- *Typha* spp. play a significant ecological role in many wetland systems.
- The leaves of some species, especially those of Bulrush (*Typha latifolia*), are used as a weaving material in the manufacture of baskets, chair bottoms and mats.
- Some of the species also have limited ornamental value.

Characteristic features:
- Emergent aquatic rhizomatous herbs.
- Flowers: small, unisexual and on monoecious plants; separated spatially on dense, compact spicate or globose inflorescences, staminate flowers above and pistillate below; placentation apical.
- Plants are rhizomatous with long, slender leaves.

Required taxa: *Typha*

References for further inquiry: