

## BUTOMACEAE – FLOWERING RUSH FAMILY

**Plant:** herb, water or marsh plant

**Stem:** no stem

**Root:** rhizomes

**Leaves:** basal or from stem, orbicular to sword-like, primary veins parallel but secondary veins at right angles to primary

**Flowers:** perfect (solitary or many in an umbel; 6-9 stamens; ovary superior and inverted, 6 pistils, 6 to numerous carpels with numerous ovules in each carpel

**Fruit:** follicles (dry fruits, leathery, that open along one side)

**Other:** mostly in tropical America and the Eastern Hemisphere;  
Monocotyledons Group

**Genera:** 1 genus; *Butomus* (Flowering Rush)

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Butomaceae (Flowering Rush Family)

Maumee Bay State Park, Lucas County, Ohio

Notes: flowers with 3 sepals and 3 petaloids, light pinkish with darker veins, in umbels subtended by 3 bracts; leaves basal, sheathing, very long and narrow, triangular in cross-section and flattened distally; muddy areas, ditches, shallow waters; summer to fall

[V Max Brown, 2006]

