

TYPHACEAE – CATTAIL FAMILY

Plant: perennial herbs; tall plant of marshes and ditches (aquatic)

Stem: a rhizome; simple and stiff

Leaves: alternate and basal, long, parallel veined, erect and blade- or sword-like (flat or triangular), on opposite sides of stem, bases form sheaths

Root: rhizomatous

Flowers: monoecious in 2 spikes; cylindrical brownish spike of very small and tightly-packed pistillate flowers; separated (or not) and above are paler, staminate flowers; flower of bristles only; mostly 3 stamens; ovary superior, 1 carpel

Fruit: nut or drupe-like, not fleshy, 1-seeded, hard, sometimes oily

Other: mostly in temperate regions; Monocotyledons Group

Genera: 1 genus; *Typha* (cat-tail)

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Narrowleaf [Narrow-Leaved] Cattail; *Typha angustifolia* L.

Broadleaf [Broad-Leaved] Cattail; *Typha latifolia* L.

Narrowleaf Cattail

Typha angustifolia L.

Typhaceae (Cattail Family)

Oak Openings Metropark, Lucas County, Ohio

Notes: flowers small, upper staminate flower spike separated from lower pistillate spike by 2-12 cm gap;
leaves usually less than 1.2 cm in width; summer

[V Max Brown, 2004]



Broadleaf Cattail

Typha latifolia L.

Typhaceae (Cattail Family)

Pokagon State Park, Steuben County, Indiana

Notes: flower small, upper staminate flower spike usually not separated from lower pistillate flower spike; leaves usually 1-3 cm in width; summer

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