

Manchurian wildrice

Zizania latifolia

LIFE RIPARIAS alert list species



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Invasive species native to China.

Uncommon in the wild in Belgium

Found in shallow stagnant waters (edge of water bodies, swamps...)



Aquatic or semi-aquatic emerged perennial plant. Can grow to heights of 4 m

Long, dull grey-green leaves with a stout midrib on the leaf underside



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Rhizomatous plant forming dense long-lived stands. Does not produce flowers in Belgium



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Leaves up to 1 m long and 2 cm wide



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Smooth, shiny, hollow stem with flattened section



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Black spots and large ligule at the base of the leaves

Not to be confused with



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Iris pseudacorus - Native

- Stem slightly compressed
- Yellow flowers (between April and July)
- Dark-green basal leaves (10 to 20 mm) with a raised midrib

Typha spp. - Native Absence of midrib on the leaves.

Flowering between June and August

Typha angustifolia

Leaves are 1cm wide



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Typha latifolia

Leaves are 1 to 2cm wide



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1: <https://tinyurl.com/ukknr7mm>
2: <https://www.weedbusters.org.nz/what-are-weeds/weed-list/manchurian-rice-grass/>
3: <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/39883769>
4: <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/72537953>
5: <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/3930117>
6: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/atrnkoczy/3406470969>
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