

## Common Reed (Exotic)

*Phragmites australis*



Sheath  
of  
leaf  
wraps  
around  
stem



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Dried plume  
silky in  
summer; dark  
in the fall

**Type:** Emergent  
**Scale:** Stem and  
plume 14" or more  
**Grows:** Up to 16 feet  
tall  
**Mode of Infestation:**  
Trailing root system  
and seed dispersal