

# Roseaucane or Common Reed: *Phragmites australis*



**C**ommon reed is a large perennial grass found in wetlands throughout temperate and tropical regions of the world. In several states it is considered an invasive weed, displacing other plants. Its height ranges from 6-12 ft., making it the tallest grass in southern marshes and swamps.

The stems were used for arrows, weaving mats and for carrying nets by some of the first peoples of North America. This species is often used in marsh restoration activities in the Lake Pontchartrain Basin.

