

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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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

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