

What is *Phragmites*?

Phragmites australis is a non-native grass that aggressively invades wetlands. Once established, it can take many years to remove.

Phragmites...



Reduces habitat for native wildlife including waterfowl



Quickly fills in open water, blocking boat and trail access



Grows in dense patches that eliminate natural food sources



Once established, it is expensive and difficult to remove

With your help, we can
reduce the spread of invasive
Phragmites and reverse its
impacts!



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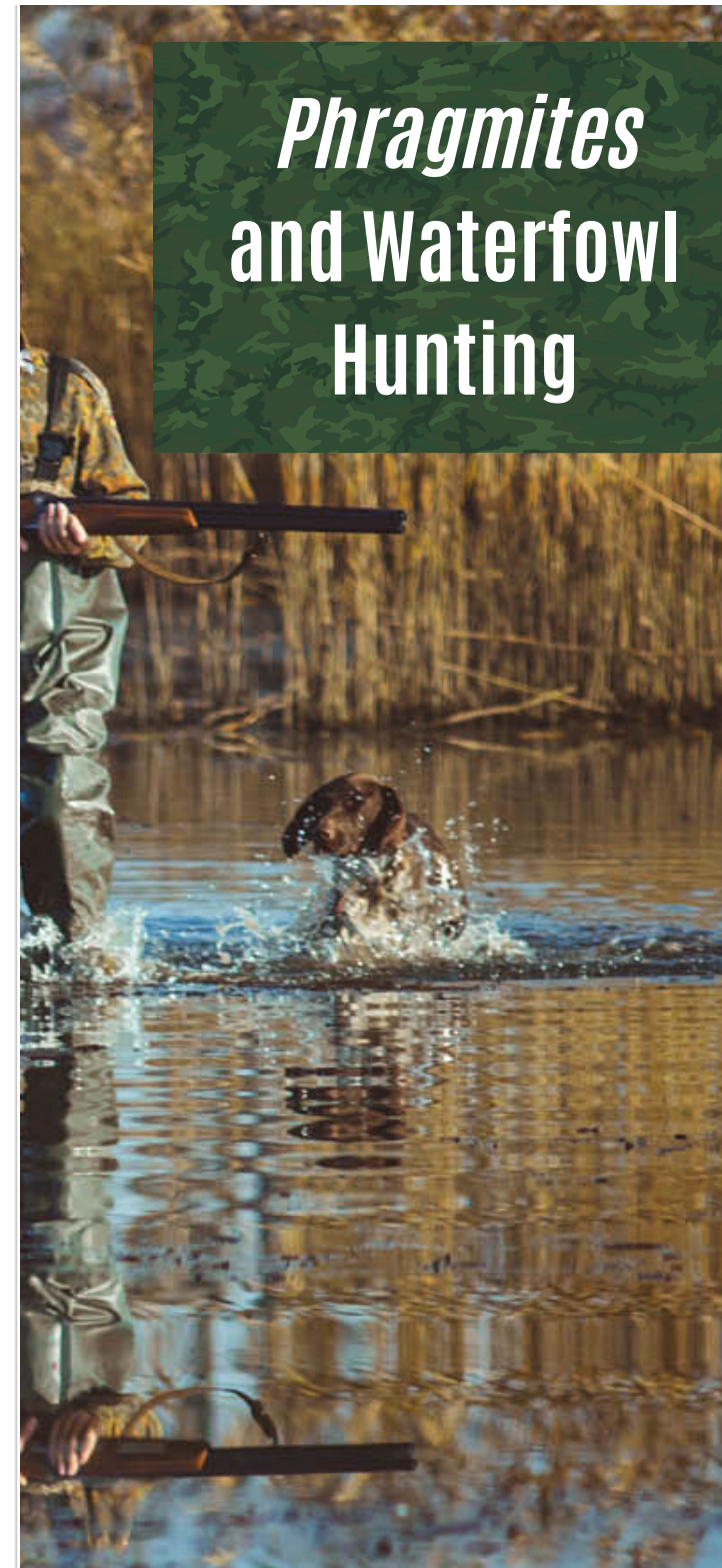


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Phragmites and Waterfowl Hunting



What does *Phragmites* look like?



Purplish or green seed head in summer



Fluffy tan seed head in fall



Typically grows in dense patches



Dull green stems



Can grow up to 20 feet tall each summer!

How does *Phragmites* affect duck hunters?

Phragmites is no friend to duck hunters.

This plant quickly establishes dense patches in wetlands. It blocks site access and provides little to no food or nesting habitat for waterfowl. Preventing the invasion of *Phragmites* is key to protecting your hunting sites for years to come.

This invasive plant:

- Reduces waterfowl habitat by filling in wetlands and crowding out native plants
- Blocks access to boat launches and trails
- Grows in tall, dense patches which are easy to get lost or disoriented in
- Can damage skin, clothing and equipment when walked through
- Does not provide food sources for waterfowl
- Reduces nesting areas for waterfowl
- Also impacts trapping activities by reducing habitat for beaver, muskrat, and other fur-bearing mammals

Protect your hunting sites from *Phragmites*:

Do not use *Phragmites* for hunting blinds



Wear low-tread shoes, a hat, and clothes without exposed Velcro, bulky fabrics, or cuffs to avoid transporting seeds

Check for seeds on your hunting dog's fur



Clean off all gear using scrub brushes or a high-pressure hose before and after hunting at any site