

PLANT LOOK-ALIKES

Yellow Flag Iris & Cattail (Bullrush)

SHOOTS

LEAVES

CROSS SECTION

STEM

FLOWER

Typha spp.

CATTAIL (BULLRUSH)

NATIVE PLANT

- Can grow to 3 m tall



No purple at the base of shoots



Cattail leaves do not fan out from the base



Leaves are D-shaped: Flat on one side and rounded on the other



Stems are round and have a honeycomb-like structure



Flowers are thick, brown, and cigar-shaped spikes

Iris pseudacorus

YELLOW FLAG IRIS

INVASIVE PLANT
TOXIC

- Can grow 1.5 m tall
- Flowers in early June
- Sap can cause skin irritations, do not consume this plant



Shoots have purple coloring at the base



Iris leaves form a fan-shape at the base of the plant



Leaves are flat and have a ridge down the middle



Stems are almond-shaped, often with a purple hue



Flowers are yellow, with three upright and three drooping sepals/petals