



Flowers



Fruit



Height range 6-18'



3-7"

Buttonbush

Cephalanthus occidentalis

The Madder Family (Rubiaceae)

Basic Description: Shrub or small tree with opposite or whorled, deciduous leaves and smooth gray to brown bark that becomes furrowed as it ages.

Interesting Facts: Butterfly magnet in mid-summer! Provides nesting sites for many wading birds. Host plant for a number of Lepidoptera including the Prometheus Moth.

Flower: Small, white tubular flowers occur in a dense 1" round cluster at the end of a slender 1 - 2" stalk, appear mid-summer.

Fruit: Round cluster of .25" dark brown nutlets, mature late summer to fall.

Wildlife Value: Nutlets are eaten by many water birds. Flowers provide nectar for native bees, European honey bees, butterflies, moths and hummingbirds.

Habitat: Wet sites, often along the edge of ponds, lakes and other bodies of water.

LEAF TYPE

SIMPLE



POLLINATOR

INSECTS



WILDLIFE VALUE

HIGH

