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Pickerelweed [*Pontederia cordata*]: H up to 4’, leaves 8-10”. Common emergent plant in low marsh and shallow waters, often in large colonies. Violet-blue flower. Blooms June to October. (OPC 35d)

Arrow Arum [*Peltandra virginica*]: H up to 2’, Common, emergent plant in low marsh and shallow waters of OPC. Leaves more pointed than Pickerelweed. Tiny, inconspicuous, white flowers in green sheaths. Blooms May to July. (OPC 33a)

Broadleaf Arrowhead [*Sagittaria latifolia*]: H 1’ – 4’. Emergent plant in low marsh and shallow waters. Small, three petal, white flowers arranged in groups of 3. Blooms July to October. (OPC 33b)
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Narrowleaf Cattail [*Typha angustifolia*]: H 4’ – 6’, High and low marsh. Flower dark brown spike (~ 6”). Blooms May to July. (OPC 34b)

Wild Rice [*Zizania aquatica*]: H up to 10’. Low marsh. White, or purple, flower on spikelets. Blooms July to August. (OPC 32b)

Common Reed [*Phragmites australis*]: H up to 15’, leaves to 2’. Bushy panicle flower. Blooms July - August. Highly invasive, often outcompeting wild rice. (OPC 36c).
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Sweetscented Joe Pye Weed [*Eutrochium purpureum*]: H 5’ – 8’. Found high marsh and stream banks. Whorled leaves. Pink to purple flowers. Blooms August to September. (OPC 35c)

![Sweetscented Joe Pye Weed](image1)

Swamp Milkweed [*Asclepias incarnata*]: H 3 – 5’. Found in sunny marshes, bogs, floodplains and wet areas. Leaves 4” - 7” and opposite. Pink flowers. Blooms June to August. (OPC 38b)

![Swamp Milkweed](image2)

New York Ironweed [*Vernonia noveboracensis*]: H 5’ – 8’. Tall perennial found in moist soils on stream banks and marsh edges. Alternate leaves. Pink to purple flowers. Blooms August and September. (OPC NA)

![New York Ironweed](image3)
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Green-headed Coneflower [*Rudbeckia laciniata*]: H 3 – 12’. Found in moist thickets, stream banks and high marshes. Yellow flowers with green center. Blooms July to September. (OPC 34d)

Common Sneezeweed [*Helenium autumnale* L]: H 2’ - 6’. Found stream banks and high marshes. Yellow flowers with wedge shaped petals. Blooms July to October. (OPC NA)

Cardinal Flower [*Lobelia cardinalis*]: H 1 – 5’, Leaves 2 - 6”. Found high marsh, stream banks. Brilliant red, tubular flowers. Blooms July to September. (OPC 30b)
Crimson-eyed Rose Mallow \( [Hibiscus moscheutos] \): H 3’ – 8’, Leaves to 4”. Common along marsh edge and streamside. Flower pink, or white with crimson eye. Blooms from June to September. (OPC 32a)

Spatterdock \( [Nuphar luteum] \): Common in shallow waters of OPC. Round leaves up 12”. Yellow cone-like flower. Blooms May to September. (OPC 37b)
Notes: This field identification guide is intended to help boaters in Otter Point Creek identify common flowering plants in the marsh and link back to other sources to obtain more information. Each entry includes a reference to the page, where it is found in the booklet, *Otter Point Creek - A Visitor's Field Guide*, in parentheses. There are a number of other excellent resources to include:

- The Chesapeake Bay Program field Guide. [http://www.chesapeakebay.net/fieldguide](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/fieldguide)
- The USDA Plants Database. [http://plants.usda.gov/java/](http://plants.usda.gov/java/)

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