

Buttonbush

LATIN NAME: *Cephalanthus occidentalis*
CLASS: Magnoliopsida
CONSERVATION STATUS: Least Concern

The flower heads are attractive to bees, butterflies, songbirds, and hummingbirds

It grows best in **full sun** or **partial shade**

It grows near lakes, ponds, streams, or swampy areas

WOOD DUCKS use the plant's structure to hide its nest

It is also known as a Button Willow, Pond Dogwood, Swamp Wood, or Buttonwood.



The flowers are studded all over with prominent, round-headed **pistils**, which makes them look like **pincushions**

They typically grow **8 to 12** feet tall and **5 to 8** feet wide!

The flowers range from **white** to **pale pink**

It can withstand living in up to **3 feet of water!**

Found in the eastern half of **North America**, southern border states, and into northern California.



The Buttonbush's bark contains **CEPHALATHIN**, which can induce convulsions, vomiting, and paralysis if ingested.



The Buttonbush's stems and trunks usually become twisted with age, giving it an interesting shape that is appealing when the shrub is bare of leaves in the winter.

For any wildlife-related concern, please call the LaRC Environmental Office (Ande Remington) at 864-8332

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Data obtained from the National Wildlife Federation and the National Geographic