

4. Common Reed

This species (*Phragmites australis*) can be found worldwide. It typically grows up to 12 feet or taller on wet ground. In summer and fall it is topped off by a large grayish plume but usually produces no seeds, spreading aggressively by underground rhizomes.

It is generally considered a nuisance, and can become a fire hazard. Common Reed is an abundant roadside plant, especially in ditches where road salt accumulates.

