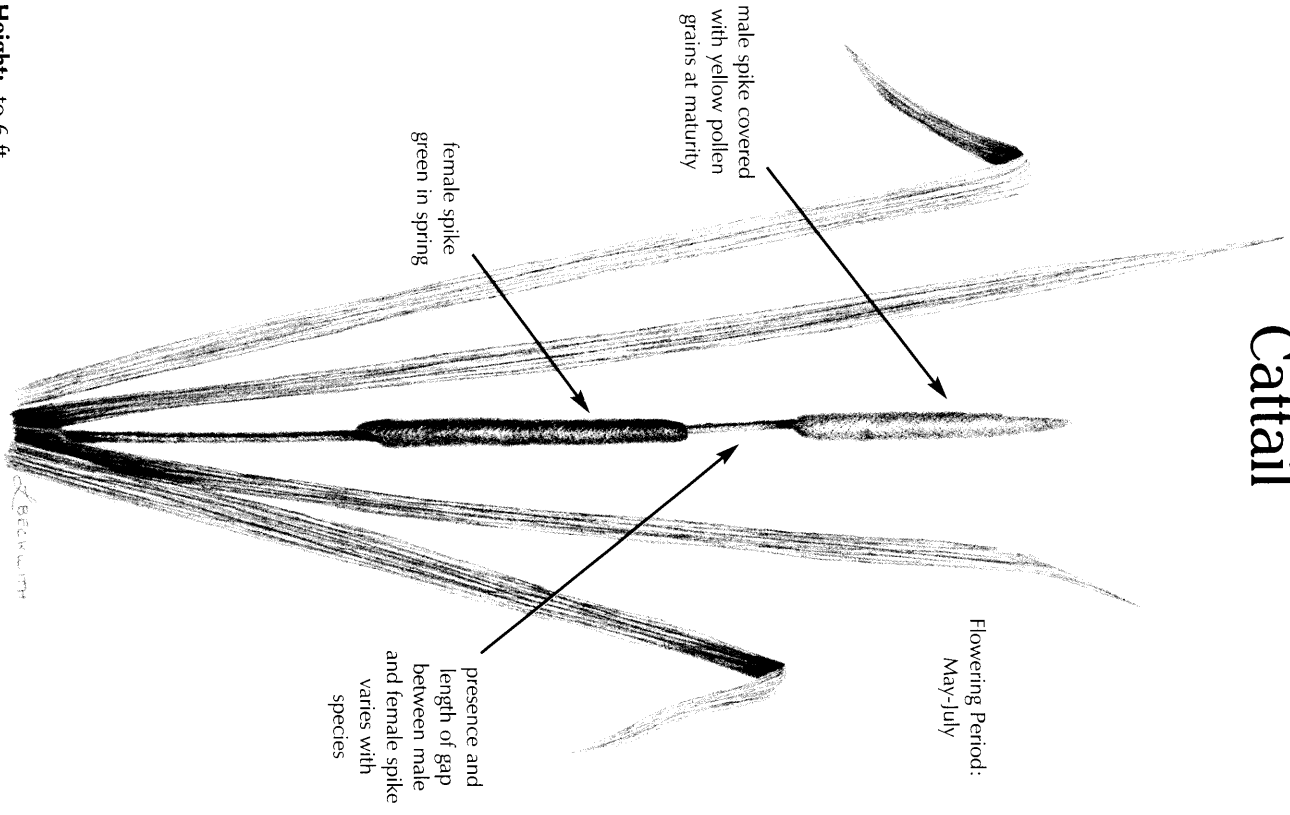


Cattail



male spike covered with yellow pollen grains at maturity

female spike green in spring

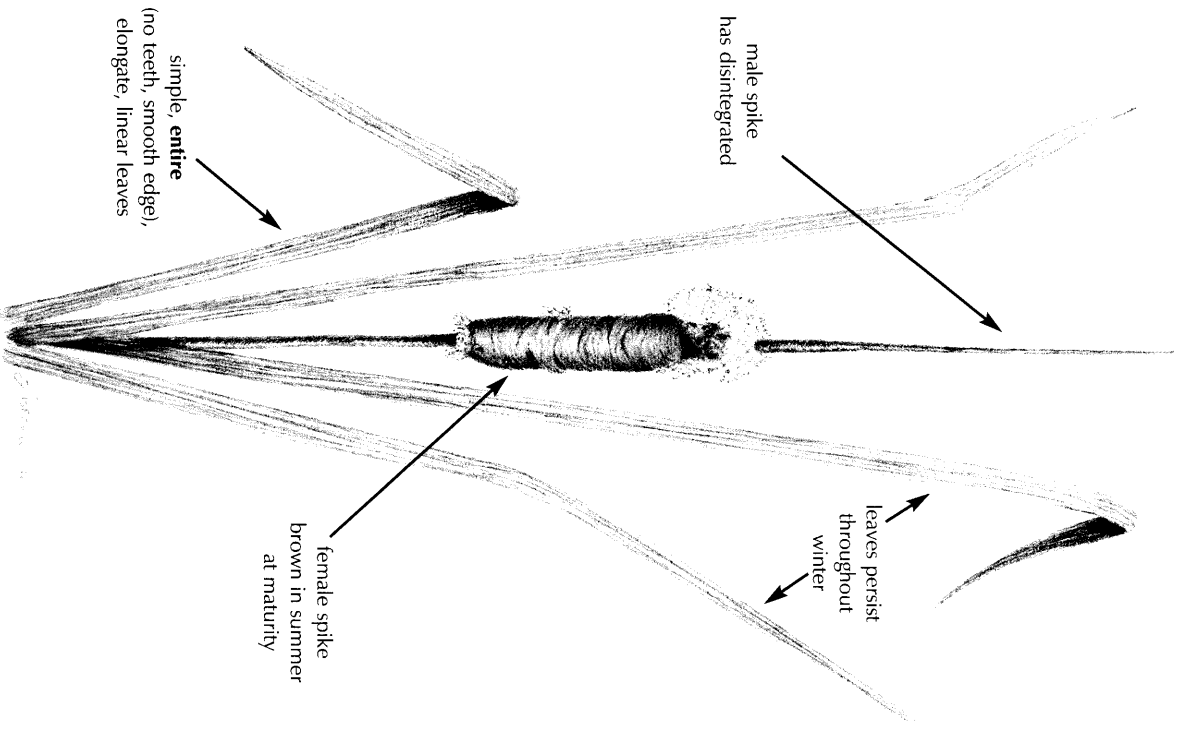
presence and length of gap between male and female spike varies with species

Flowering Period: May-July

Height: to 6 ft

Habitat: tidal fresh and brackish marshes, inland marshes

Illustrations represent upper portions of plants



male spike has disintegrated

simple, **entire** (no teeth, smooth edge), elongate, linear leaves

female spike brown in summer at maturity

leaves persist throughout winter

Technical Name: *Typha angustifolia*, *Typha x glauca*

Common Name: Cattail

Family Name: Typhaceae

Distinctive Characteristics:

Narrow-leaved cattail and a hybrid both occur in Hudson River tidal wetlands, but are difficult to distinguish because of intergrading characters, such as leaf width and length of gap between male and female flower spikes.