

# Cattail

*Typha latifolia* ~ Cattail Family

**Lummi:** ts'aqen

**Nooksack:** slháwin

## Ethnobotany

- Seed-fluff used for diapers & stuffing mattresses
- Women wove mats & baskets from the leaves

## Habitat Value

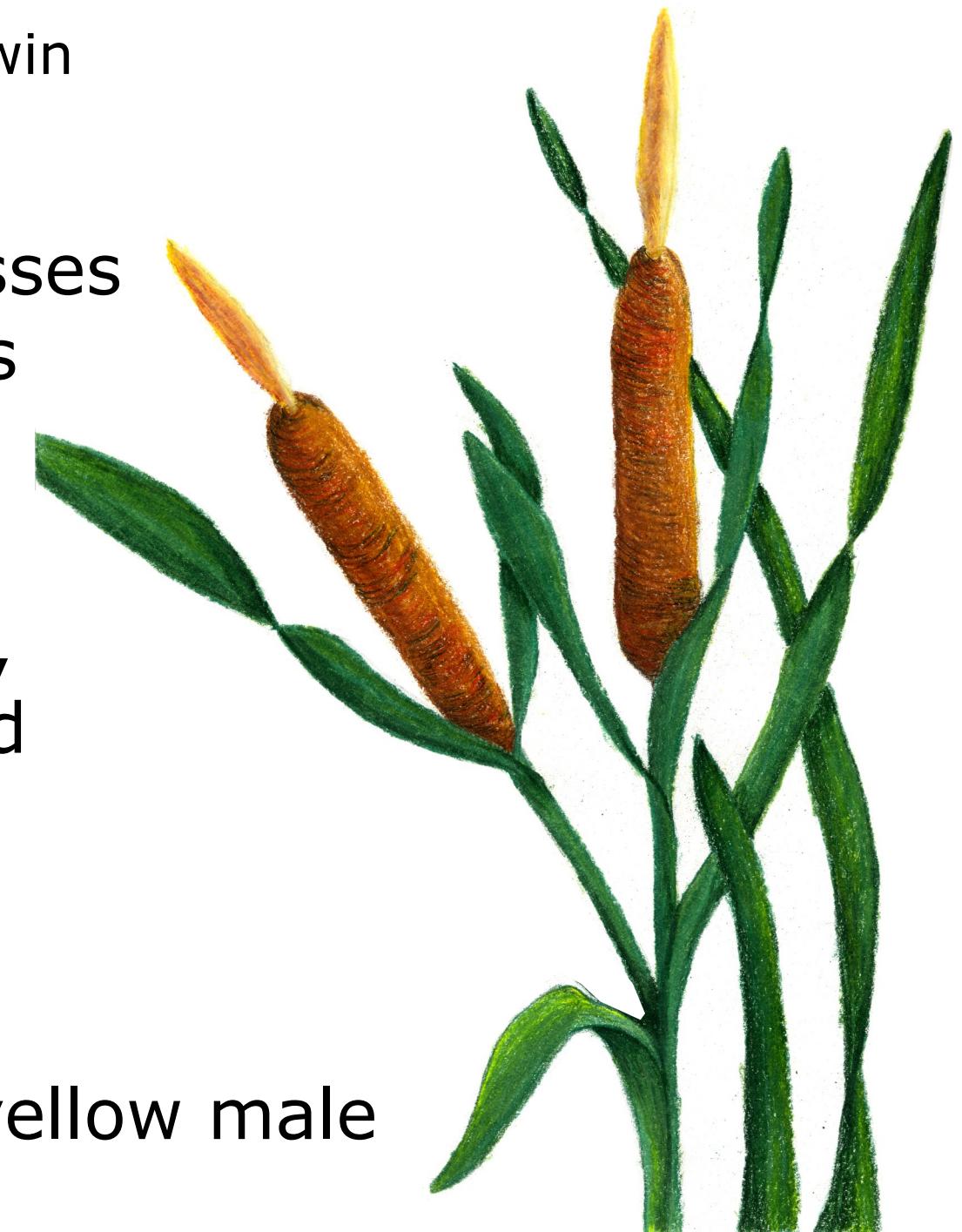
- Geese, beavers & muskrats eat rootstock
- Stands provide nesting sites for diving ducks, coots, grebes, marsh wrens, rails, red-winged & yellow-headed blackbirds

## Characteristics

- Single grass-like fronds grow eight feet tall
- Semi-aquatic or marsh perennial plant with yellow male flower above the female cigar-shaped flower

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