

CELEBRATION OF TREES



Buttonbush
Cephalanthus
occidentalis

CHARACTERISTICS

Height: 5 – 12'

Width: 4 – 8'

Identification: Buttonbush grows to a mature height of twelve feet. It has opposite, entire leaves 2-6 inches long and 1-3 inches wide. They are smooth and green above. The flowers occur in dense, round, 1 inch diameter clusters which bloom from June to September. The seed matures in the round clusters that resemble those of the sycamore tree.



GROWING CONDITIONS

Native Habitat: Florida to Mexico and Nova Scotia to Ontario

Water: Wet or dry. Dry once established.

Sun Light: Full sun to part shade

BENEFITS

Buttonbush is an obligate wetland shrub suitable for wetland restoration, created wetlands, and riparian zones. It has exceptional wildlife benefits. The seed is eaten by eight species of waterfowl and the twigs by three species of mammals.



Sources: Missouri Botanical Gardens Website