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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