

HALBERD-LEAVED TEARTHUMB

Polygonum arifolium

Located in wet places, particularly tidal marshes in Delaware, Maryland and south.

Similar to arrow-leaved tearthumb but with larger, coarser leaves; 4 to 15 cm long; with characteristic lobes at the base of the leaves. Plant reaches 0.6 to 1.8 m high. Flowers pink or purplish to white, few on each spike; blooming from July through October. Leaves and stems more prickly than *P. sagittatum* (p. 18.01).

See general description on p. 18.00 for wildlife value.

