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# FIELD GUIDE

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For Common Invasive & Native Species Found in the SLELO PRISM Region



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# Safety

1. Always work in pairs, use the buddy system.
2. Always have a first aid kit nearby.
3. Wear your life jacket!
4. Bring a means of communications with you, ie. Cell phone or two-way radios.
5. Place emergency contact numbers into your phones address book.
6. Use PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), ie., gloves, safety glasses, skin covering, hearing protection, etc.
7. Inform your supervisor and field partner if you carry any personal medical devices such as an epi-pen for bee stings or medications you carry.
8. Drink plenty of water on hot days.
9. Pace yourself.
10. Personal conduct, conduct your field work appropriately for the field locations and conditions.



# Plant Identification Resources

## Aquatic & Terrestrial

- [www.sleloinvasives.org](http://www.sleloinvasives.org)
- <https://gobotany.newenglandwild.org/>
- [www.bugwood.org](http://www.bugwood.org)

## When in doubt....

- Take close-up, CLEAR photos of the plant and its parts, stem, leaves, flowers, etc.
- Take a “step-back” photo showing the population from various distances.
- Collect a Sample (if possible) bag it and bring it back to the office for a positive ID
- If it is an aquatic specimen use a zip-lock bag with water or a jar to put the specimen in.





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# Watch List “Prevention” Species

Species that are not currently confirmed to be present in the SLELO PRISM region but could still spread into our PRISM; preventive management strategies are the first line of defense for watch list species. This list is subject to change.



## Porcelain berry (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*)

### Foliage:

**Arrangement:** Leaves are alternate along stem

**Shape:** simple heart shaped with coarse teeth along margins. Leaves vary from slightly to deeply lobed.



Photo Credit: Karan A Rawlins, University of Georgia, bugwood.org

### Flowers:

**Description:** Greenish to white inconspicuous flowers develop in small clusters

**Bloom time:** summer months June-August



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### Fruit:

**Description:** Small berries that range in color from yellow to purple to blue and have a porcelain-like appearance.



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Photo Credit: Leslie J. Mehrhoff, University of Connecticut, bugwood.org

### Vines:

**Description:** A deciduous, woody vine that climbs to heights of more than 20 ft. (6.1 m). These branched tendril-bearing, woody vines have lenticels and white piths that are continuous across the nodes. Bark is ridged and furrowed.



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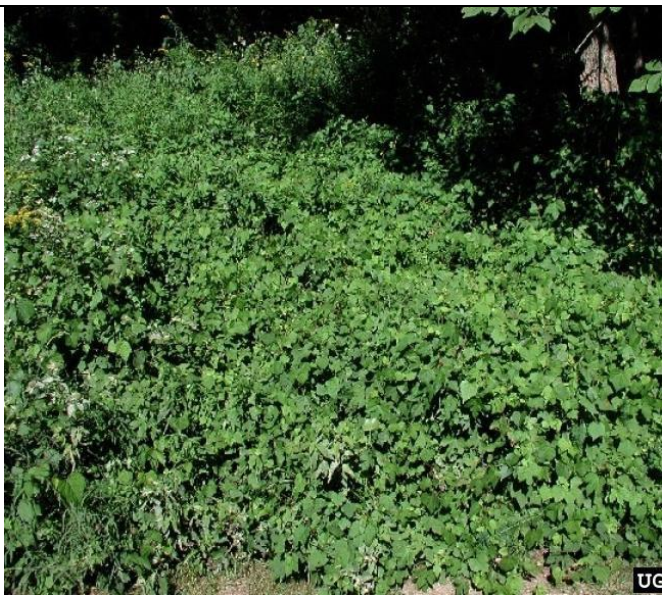


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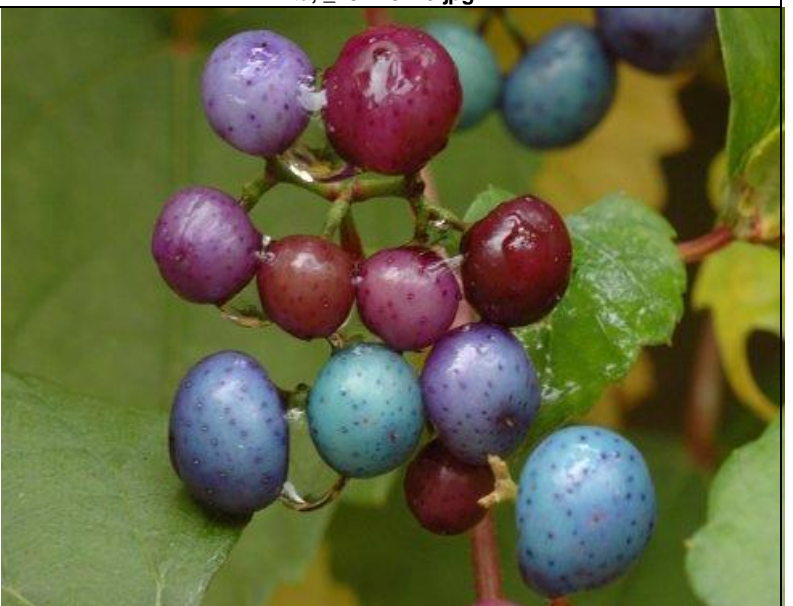
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## Mile-a-Minute Vine (*Persicaria perfoliata*)

### Foliage:

**Arrangement:** Leaves grow alternately along stem.

**Shape:** Leaves are triangular and have long petioles with thin blades.

**Color:** Green

**Size:** 4-7 cm long and 5-9 cm wide.



Photo Credit: Kenneth R. Law, USDA AOHIS PPQ, bugwood.org

### Stems:

**Description:** Stems are woody at the base and change from light green to red with age and are armed with recurved barbs.



Photo Credit: Todd Mervosh, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, inspection.gc.ca

### Fruit:

**Description:** Fruit is round and grows in cone shaped clusters from petioles on top of leaves.

**Size:** Individual fruit are about 1.55 mm across.

**Color:** Fruit range from light green to red when maturing and are blue and fleshy when mature.



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## Kudzu (*Pueraria lobata*)

### Foliage:

**Arrangement:** Leaves are arranged alternately along stem.

**Shape:** Leaves are 3 lobed, with hairy margins.

**Size:** Leaflets are 3-4 inches long

**Color:** Green



Photo Credit: James H. Miller, USDA Forest Service, bugwood.org

### Stems:

**Description:** **Stems are hairy** and grow as a vine easily.

**Color:** Light green

**Height:** Vines can grow between 30-100 feet a year.



Photo Credit: James H. Miller, USDA Forest Service, bugwood.org

### Flowers:

**Description:** Flowers are showy and grow in ½ inch hanging clusters on plant vines.

**Color:** Flowers are typically red, purple or magenta and occasionally pink or white. Flowers have a strong grape-like aroma.

**Bloom Time:** Flowering occurs in late summer, followed by the production of brown, hairy flattened seed pods that contain 3-10 seeds. Flowers don't occur until 3<sup>rd</sup> year, flowers and seeds only form on vertical climbing vines



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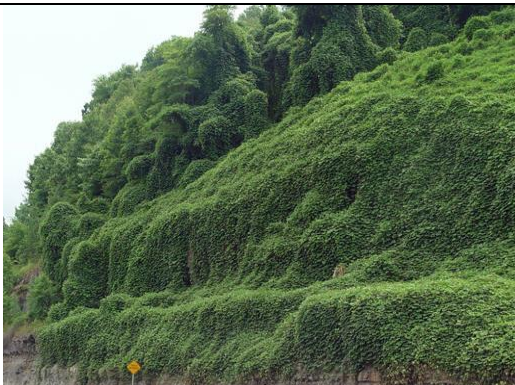


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## Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*)

### Leaves:

**Shape:** Leaves are pointed often serrated and arranged around the stem in whorls of 4-10.

**Size:** 2-4 mm wide, 6-20 mm long

**Color:** Green

Leaves are **visibly serrated** to the naked eye + more than 4 leaves per whorls and tubers = hydrilla. Must have all three to make a positive I.D.



Photo Credit: Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board & Robert Videki, Doronicum kft. Bugwood.org

### Stems:

**Description:** Stems are long and branch horizontally at water surface forming dense mats.

**Height:** Stems grow up to 25 feet in length.



Photo Credit: Robert Videki, Doronicum kft. Bugwood.org

### Tubers:

**Description:** Pea-like structures buried in sediment.

**Size:** .2-.4 inches long.

**Color:** White to yellowish in color.

### Turions

(stem tubers) are bud-like structures which can drop off the plant and successfully survive freezing or drought. Tubers from the rhizomes are another way these plants reproduce and increase their invasive potential.



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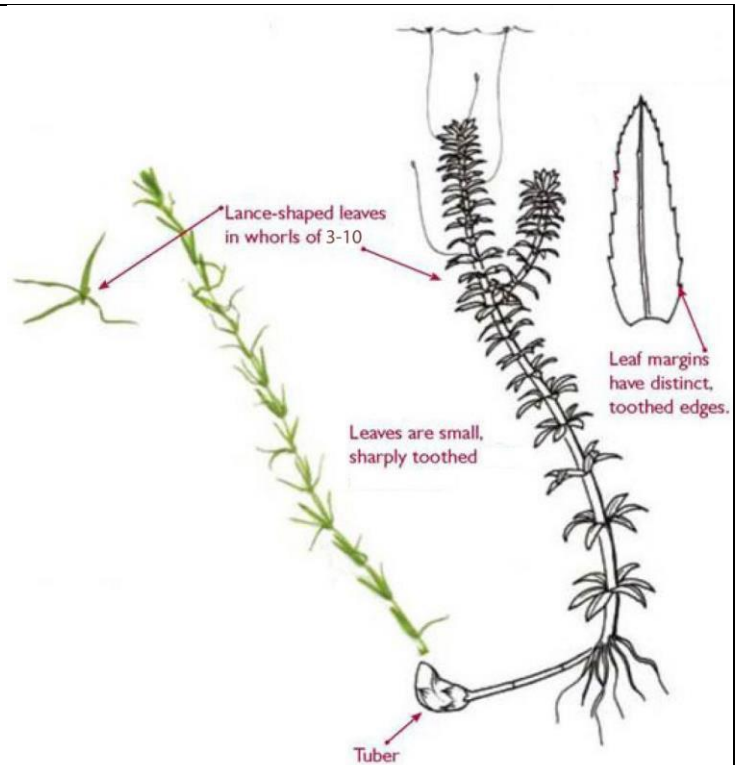


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## Water Soldier (*Stratiotes aloides*)

### Foliage:

**Shape:** Leaves are sword shaped with serrated margins. Leaves from a floating rosette that is similar to an aloe plant or the top of a pineapple.

**Color:** Bright Green.

**Size:** Leaves are 40 cm long



Photo Credit: en.wikipedia.org

### Flowers:

**Description:** If present, flowers have 3 white to pinkish petals with a yellow center.



Photo Credit: Jakob Katzenberger, Dietmar Zacharias, [pollinationecology.org](http://pollinationecology.org)

### Fruit:

**Description:** Fruit is 1-3.5 cm long and fleshy in texture and can contain up to 24 seeds.



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## Fanwort (*Cabomba caroliniana*)

### Foliage:

**Description:** Submerged leaves are opposite, fan-shaped, shaped like the letter Y - (snakes tongue). 2 in wide and attached to a distinct petiole that branch off the main stem. Floating leaves are entire and linear elliptic in shape.

**Stems:** grown up to 6.5 feet long

**Size:** Submerged leaves range from 1-3.5 cm wide x 1.5-5.5 cm long; Floating leaves (when present) are less than a ½ inch and are narrow.

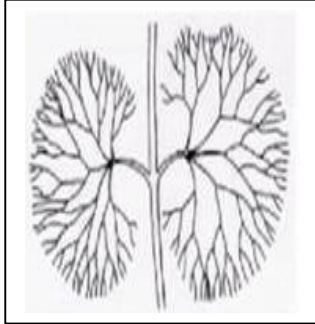


Photo Credit: Graves Lovell, Alabama Dpt. Of Conservation and Natural Resources, bugwood.org

### Flowers:

**Description:** Flowers are solitary and have 5 petals ranging from white to pale yellow in color with a yellow center; some may have a pink or purplish tinge. Flowers emerge on stalks from the tips of the stem.

**Size:** 2cm across

### Fruit:

Is leathery, indehiscent, with a 3-seeded follicle.



Photo Credit: Leslie J. Mehrhoff, University of CT, bugwood.org

### Stems:

**Description:** Stems of fanwort are actually extensions of the fragile, horizontal rhizomes. Stems are branched, covered with or reddish-brown hairs.

**Size:** Mature plants can reach 10 meters in length



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Fanwort Fruit



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## Fanwort Native Look-A-Likes

### **Buttercup (*Ranunculus*): (Native)**

- Leaves are **alternately arranged** and attached by a distinct petiole along the stem.

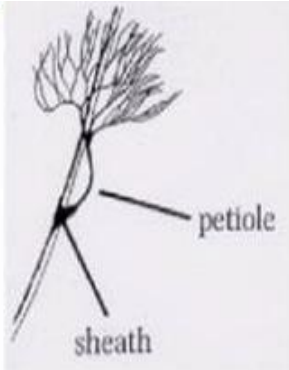


Photo Credit: Donald Cameron, [gobotany.newenglandwild.org](http://gobotany.newenglandwild.org)

### **Water Marigold (*Megaladonta*): Native:**

- Submersed leaves are finely divided, branched, and opposite but appear whorled on the stem; and are **lacking a petiole**



### **Bladderwort (*Utricularia*) (Native)**

- Leaves are finely divided in a branching pattern along the main stem of the plant. Small bladders occur along the branches of the leaves. **Leaves don't look like a fan.**



Photo Credit: Barry Rice, [gobotany.newenglandwild.org](http://gobotany.newenglandwild.org)

## Watch Species

### Water Hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*)

#### Foliage:

**Description:** Leaves are oval to elliptical, and **thick with a waxy texture** and enlarged spongy petioles.

**Size:** 6 inches wide



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#### Flowers:

**Description:** The very showy blue-purple flowers are born on upright spikes. Each flower has six petals with the uppermost having a yellow patch



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#### Seeds:

**Description:** Seeds are small and light brown in color with ribbed texture.

**Size:** 1mm in length

Seeds can germinate in a few days or remain dormant for 15-20 years. They usually sink and remain dormant until periods of stress (droughts). Upon re-flooding, the seeds often germinate and renew the growth cycle.



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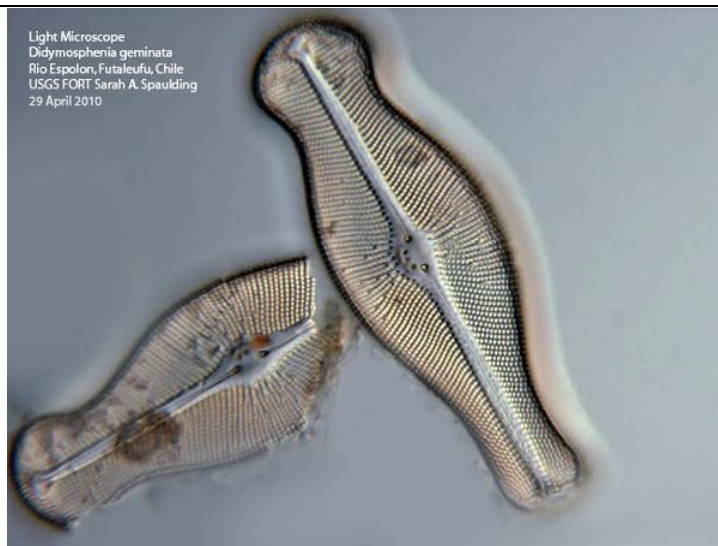
## Watch Species *Didymo* (*Didymosphenia geminata*)

### Description:

Didymo is a microscopic diatom (type of algae) that has a slimy greenish brown carpet like appearance. When present it covers river, stream and lake bottoms.



Photo Credit: seloinvasives.org



Light Microscope  
*Didymosphenia geminata*  
Rio Espolon, Futaleufu, Chile  
USGS FORT Sarah A. Spaulding  
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## Watch Species Asian Carp (*Ctenopharyngodon spp.*)

### Bighead Carp

**Description:** Has a large, scale-less head, a large upturned mouth with no barbels, and eyes located very low on the head. Adults usually have a mottled silver-gray coloration

**Size:** Adults can grow up to 5 feet in length and weigh up to 88lbs.

### **Bighead Carp**

Dark blotches along the back (dorsal) region

Silver in color

No scales on head

No barbels on nose, unlike common carp

Downward slanting mouth (frown)

Low set eyes

Keel extends partway along belly

Illustration: Joseph R. Tomelleri, watershedcouncil.org

### Silver Carp

**Description:** Has a scale-less head with large upturned mouth and no barbels, eyes are forward and sit below the mouth and project down. Body is olive green but sometimes bronze to red on the sides.

**Size:** Adults can grow up to 3.3 feet long and weigh up to 60 lbs.

**\*Silver carp jump out of water when startled.**

### **Silver Carp**

Small scales

Silver in color

No scales on head

No barbels on nose, unlike common carp

Downward slanting mouth (frown)

Low set eyes

Keel extends to throat

Illustration: Joseph R. Tomelleri, watershedcouncil.org

### Grass Carp

**Description:** Has a broad, blunt head with a slight downturn mouth without barbels; eyes sit even with their mouth and the body has olive colored shading with brownish-yellow sides and a white belly.

**Size:** Adults can grow up to 5.2 feet in length and up to 80 lbs.

### **Grass Carp**

Pointed dorsal fin with 8-10 soft rays

Large scales are silver to grey with prominent dark edge, crosshatched effect

Broad, blunt head with slight downturned mouth, no barbels

Eyes sit even with the mouth

No keel

Body has dark olive shading with brownish-yellow sides white belly

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## Black Carp

**Description:** Has a broad blunt head with a slight downturned mouth without barbels; body is a blackish-brown color with olive colored shading and a white belly.

**Size:** Adults can grow over 6 feet in length and weigh up to 150 lbs.

## Black Carp

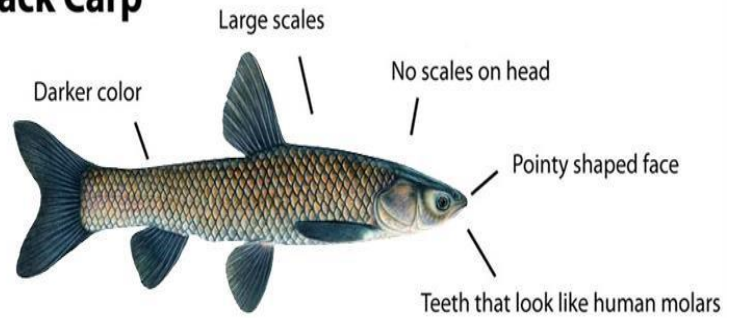


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## Bighead Carp

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## Black Carp

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## Grass Carp

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## Silver Carp

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Photo Credit: Nerissa Michales, Illinois Natural History Survey, <http://illinoistimes.com/>



## Watch Species Rusty Crayfish (*Orconectes rusticus*)

### Body:

**Description:** Rusty crayfish have brown bodies with distinctive **rusty reddish spots on each side of their carapace** (appears as though you picked it up with paint on your fingers)

**Tips of front claws may be black.**

**Size:** Adults can grow up to 6 inches including claws.



### Claws:

**Description:** Rusty crayfish have larger claws than native crayfish species; claws are smooth with grayish-green to reddish-brown in color and have an oval gap when closed and a “S” shaped movable claw. **Black tips.**



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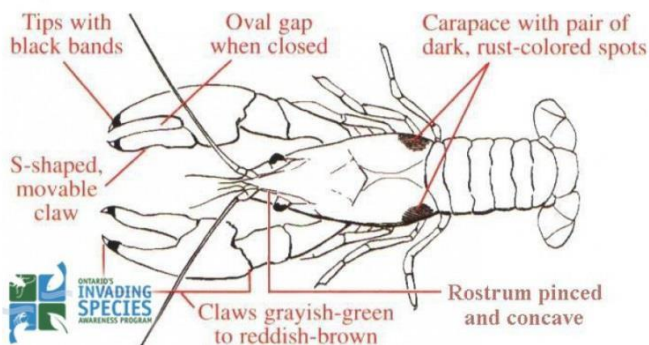


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## Watch Species *Asian Clam (Corbicula fluminea)*

### Shell:

**Description:** Shells are thick and triangular with a yellowish to blackish-brown color. Shells have distinctive radial lines and brown/purple colored radial bands on their underside.

**Size:** 1-2 inches

- Centrally located beak or umbo on shell

- Triangular or rounded triangular shell shape

- Many, coarse concentric rings on outside of shell

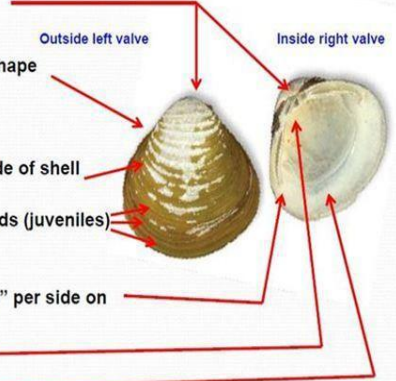
- 3 brown/purple colored radial colorbands (juveniles)

- 2 pair long, finely serrated lateral "teeth" per side on right valve: 1 pair per side on left valve

- 3 pseudocardinal "teeth" per valve.

- Interior of shell bluish white.

- Most similar to native fingernail clams.



Basic Identification characteristics for Asian clams. Graphic: Center for Biodiversity and Conservation



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Corbicula fluminea, open, showing both valves.

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Asian clams. Photo: Crown Copyright 2009 - GB Non-Native Species Secretariat



## Watch Species New Zealand Mud Snail (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*)

### Shell:

**Description:** New Zealand mud snails have elongated shells that have 5-6 right handed whorls.

**Color:** Light to dark brown.

**Size:** Average size is 4-6 mm; some may reach 12 mm in their native range.



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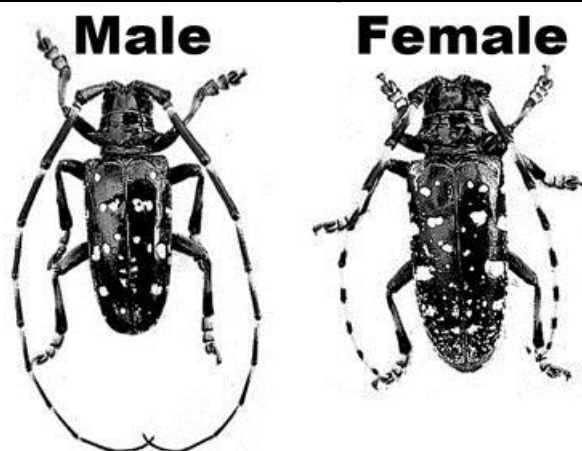


## Watch Species

### Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*)

#### Key ID Features of Adult Body:

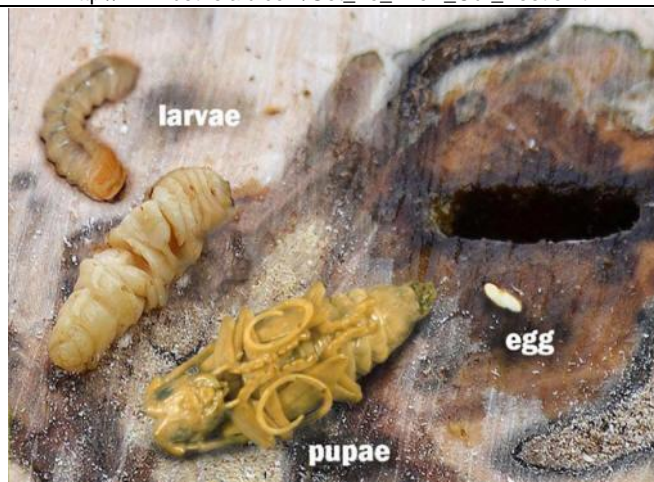
- Adults are shiny black with irregular white spots
- Adult beetles are .75 to 1.5 inches long with long antennae that are twice as long as the body.
- Antennae have alternating black and white bands.
- Feet and antennae have a bluish tinge



[http://www.bethelalb.com/Get\\_To\\_Know\\_Our\\_Beetle.htm](http://www.bethelalb.com/Get_To_Know_Our_Beetle.htm)

#### Key ID Features of Larvae:

- Larvae are white and have segmented bodies with brown mouth parts.
- Larvae can grow to be 2.4 inches long.
- They burrow beneath the bark and are rarely seen.



[http://www.bethelalb.com/Get\\_To\\_Know\\_Our\\_Beetle.htm](http://www.bethelalb.com/Get_To_Know_Our_Beetle.htm)

#### Symptoms of Infestation:

- Presence of "frass" or sawdust around the base of infested trees.
- Bowl-shaped holes in the bark about ½ inches in diameter may have an orange appearance and be oozing sap.
- Infected trees (hard wood species) will lose their leaf color and leaves will eventually fall off beginning at the crown.

**Note:** Exit holes may sometimes be confused with maple syrup tap holes. If many holes appear chest high on a maple tree, likely to be tap holes.



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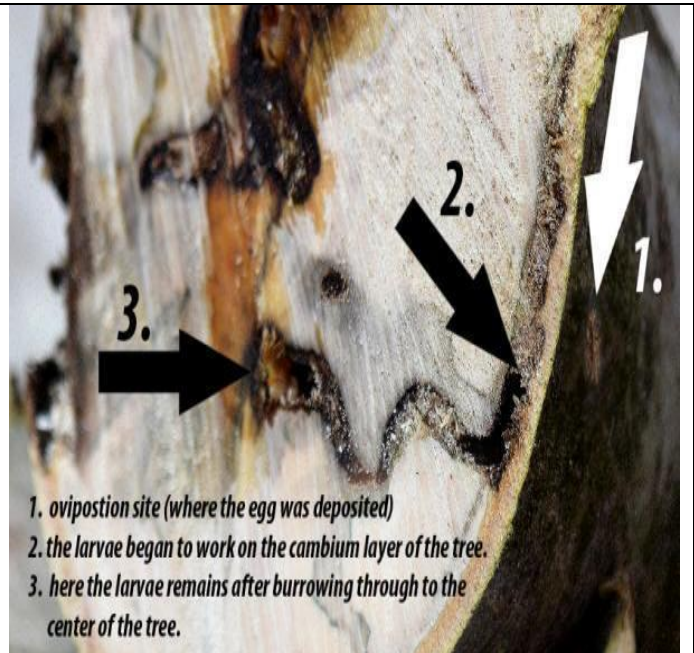


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1. oviposition site (where the egg was deposited)
2. the larvae began to work on the cambium layer of the tree.
3. here the larvae remains after burrowing through to the center of the tree.

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If you find this mark...

Slice a piece off to look for this stain.

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## Watch Species Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (*Adelges tsugae*)

### Key ID Features of Adult Body:

- Not visible with naked eye
- Small aphid-like body 2mm in size
- Black oval shaped soft bodies
- Adults can be winged or wingless (nymphs)



Photo Credit: Michael Montgomery, USDA Forest Service, bugwood.org

### Key ID Features of Larvae:

- Eggs are very small (.25 mm long by .15 mm wide)
- Brownish-orange in color
- Eggs are laid in white woolly masses of wax
- Eggs hatch from April-June



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### Symptoms of Infestation:

- Presence of white woolly masses on tree branches at the base of needles
- Premature needle drop, twig dieback and defoliation
- Discoloration of needles, often with a grayish colored cast



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### Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Look-alikes That May Confuse Untrained Observers



Spittle Bug



Spider egg sacs



Scale Insect Floss



Oak Skeletonizer



## Watch Species Feral Swine (*Sus Scrofa*)

### Description:

**Appearance:** Resembles a domestic pig with wide varieties of coloration

**Color:** Some have spots, stripes, belting, or are solid brown in color.

**Tusks:** May grow up to 5 inches in length

**Size:** Adults may range from 110-130 pounds, but some can weigh up to 400 pounds under the right conditions.



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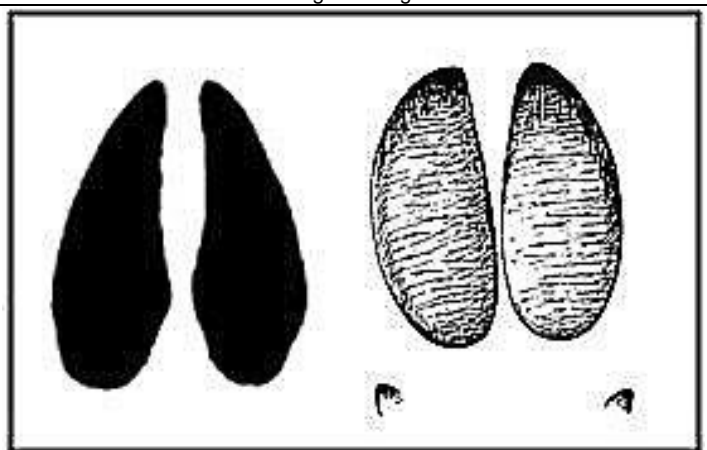
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**Deer Tracks on Left, Feral Swine  
On Right**

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## Target Management Species




Species that are already confirmed to be in the SLELO PRISM region and are managed depending on feasibility; this list is tentative and subject to change.





## TARGET SPECIES

### Black & Pale Swallowwort (*Cynanchum spp.*)

<p><b><u>Leaves:</u></b></p> <p><b>Arrangement:</b> opposite</p> <p><b>Shape:</b> oval to wedge-shaped with pointed tips</p> <p><b>Size:</b> 2.5-4.5 inches long &amp; 2-2.27 inches wide</p> <p><b>Color:</b> glossy medium to dark green with a warm yellowish tone in summer</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">5492571</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Photo Credit: Rob Boutledge, Sault College, bugwood.org.</p>
<p><b><u>Flowers:</u></b></p> <p><b>Shape:</b> 5 petals that form a star</p> <p><b>Color:</b> purple (<b>black swallow wort</b>) to pink (<b>pale swallow wort</b>)</p> <p><b>Bloom time:</b> May- mid July</p> <p><b><u>Stem:</u></b> Light green and smooth reaching heights of up to 3 – 6 feet.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Photo Credit: Rob Boutledge, Sault College, bugwood.org.</p>
<p><b><u>Fruit:</u></b></p> <p><b>Shape:</b> Smooth slender pointed pods that resemble miniature milkweed pods.</p> <p><b>Color:</b> Light green</p> <p><b>Location:</b> grow in pairs alternately along stem nodes</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">5392102</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Photo Credit: John M. Randall, The Nature Conservancy, Bugwood.org</p>



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## Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)

### Leaves:

**Shape:** Palmately compound (leaflets radiate from a single point) with three deeply incised leaflets.

**Size:** enormous; can grow up to 5 ft. in length. (only basal leaves are produced the first year)



Photo Credit: Donna R. Ellis, University of Connecticut, Bugwood.org

### Flowers:

**Description:** 50-150 small white blooms that form a loose umbel at the top of the stem.

**Bloom Time:** Late June - August

### Fruit:

Flat oval dry fruit, .375 inches long, broadly rounded bases and broad marginal ridges.



Photo Credit: Terry English, USDA APHIS PPQ, Bugwood.org

### Stem:

**Color:** Light green with purple blotches and coarse white hairs (must have all three characteristics).

**Height:** Can reach heights up to 15-20 ft.

Stems contain toxic sap that causes burns on skin!



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## Glossy Buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*)

### **Foliage:**

**Arrangement:** alternate and sometimes opposite.

**Color:** Dark green **glossy** leaves

**Shape:** Ovate and simple with prominent venation; 1½ to 3 inches long and 1 to 1½ inches wide, tapered at the base, the tip rounded or with an abrupt point, toothless and often wavy around the edge.



Photo Credit: James H. Miller, USDA Forest Service, bugwood.org

### **Flowers:**

Flowers are inconspicuous, pale greenish-yellow to yellow in color with 5 petals that occur in clusters in the leaf axis.

Flowering occurs from May through September.

### **Fruit:**

**Description:** Fruit is fleshy and ripens from red to a dark purple or black color.

You can see ripe fruit beginning about July through September.



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### **Bark:**

dusky to dark gray, splotched to various degrees by lighter patches of aged, sometimes warty lenticels (pores), the cambium (layer of tissue just under the bark) is a greenish yellow, the center heartwood reddish orange



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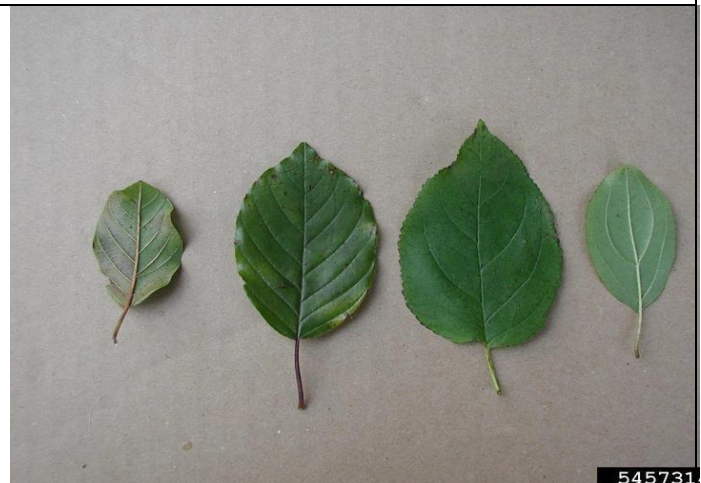
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## Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*)

### Leaves:

**Arrangement:** alternating around stem

**Shape:** Broadly oval to somewhat triangular or heart-shaped, pointed at tip with distinctive veins.

**Color:** Light green



Photo Credit: Jan Samanek, State Phytosanitary Administration, bugwood.org

### Branches (canes):

**Description:** Reddish brown in color; smooth, stout, swollen where the leaf meets the stem. Membranous sheath surrounds joints of the stem.

**Japanese Knotweed can reach heights ranging from 10-15 ft.**



Photo Credit: WWP/MRBurne, cisma-suasco.org

### Flowers & Fruits:

**Description:** Small, greenish-white flowers in branched sprays in late summer, followed by small winged fruits in fall.



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## Common Reed (*Phragmites australis* spp.)

### Leaves:

**Arrangement:** alternately dispersed along plant stem:

**Appearance:** Dark green broad, pointed leaves arise from thick, vertical stalks

**Size:** 6-23.6 inches long, .4-2.4 inches wide; Grow to heights of 15 ft. or more.

### Leaf Sheath/ Stem:

Located at lower portion of the stem and wrapped tightly throughout the growing season persisting into future seasons.

**Stems** are slightly ridged with a rougher texture than native common reed; invasive common reed has few to no fungal spots (demonstrated on reverse side).



Photo Credit: gobotany.newenglandwild.org

### Flowers/Plume/Seeds:

**Appearance:** form large bushy purple to golden brown plumes.

**Plume Size:** grow to 1-2 ft. in length and drape to one side.

**Bloom time:** Late July-August

**Seeds are grayish colored and covered with silky hairs.**



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## Non-native



## Native



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## Blade Color and Texture

### Invasive

- Thicker (sturdier) Leaves
- Darker Green
- White line (center ridge) down middle



### Native

- Thinner Leaves
- Light Green
- No center ridge



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Photo Credit: Rob Williams, SLELO Prism Coordinator

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## Phragmites (*Phragmites australis*)

### Native vs non-native

Leaf Collar is red on native spp.



Leaf Collar is white on invasive spp.

Photo Credit: Rob Williams, SLELO Prism Coordinator

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## NATIVE

Photo Credit: <http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/img/phau1-stemspots.jpg>



## Japanese Stilt grass (*Microstegium vimineum*)

### Leaves:

**Arrangement:** alternate along a branched stalk

**Appearance:** thin, pale green, lance shaped leaves, **with a stripe of silver down the mid vein.**

**Size:** about 1-3 inches in length



Photo Credit: James H. Miller & Ted Bodner, Southern Weed Science Society, bugwood.org

### Stems:

**Description:** leafy segmented stems with small white hairs; grows upward reaching heights of up to 3 feet; easy to pull up



Photo Credit: Les Mehrhoff, discoverlife.org

### Flowers/Fruit:

**Description:** Flowers are delicate and develop in the axils of the leaves or at top of stems.

**Bloom Time:** September

**Fruit:** Is produced from late September through early October.



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## Leafy Spurge (*Euphorbia esula*)

### Leaves:

**Arrangement:** Grows alternately often in a spiral around stem.

**Shape:** Narrow and waxy with a smooth edge

**Color:** Bluish-green until late summer when leaves turn a reddish-orange color.

**Size:** 1-4 inches in length



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### Flowers:

**Description:** Lack both petals and sepals.  
Flowers develop in clusters at the top of the plant.

**Color:** Yellowish-green

**Bloom Time:** Mid-June



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Photo Credit: Steve Dewey, Utah State University, bugwood.org

### Fruit/Seed:

**Description:** Fruit are three lobed capsules that explode when mature, propelling brown mottled ovoid seeds up to 15 ft. from parent plant.



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## Wild Chervil (*Anthriscus silvestris*)

### Leaves:

**Description:** Shiny and dark green in color, finely divided (**Fern like**) with sharply pointed segments that are somewhat hairy.



Photo Credit: Leslie J Mehrhoff, University of CT, bugwood.org

### Flowers:

**Description:** Small and white growing in 3 inch wide umbels (flower heads originating from one point).

**Bloom Time:** April – May



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### Seeds:

**Size:** .2 inches in length

**Color:** Shiny and black

**Shape:** elongated oval shape developed in pairs with small antenna-like structures on top.

### Roots

Roots are thick and tuberous and can extend over 6 ft. into soil.



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## Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)

### Leaves:

**Arrangement:** Opposite but sometimes alternate or bunched in whorls.

**Shape:** smooth and slender; lanced without petioles.



Photo Credit: Rob Boutledge, Sault college, Bugwood.org

### Flowers:

**Petals:** showy, individual flowers have 5-6 pink to purple petals that are .5 -.75 inches across. Petals surround small yellow centers and are closely attached to the stem.

**Bloom Time:** Flowers bloom from the bottom of the flower spike to the top from early July through September.



Photo Credit: Norman E. Rees, USDA Agricultural Research Service, Bugwood.org

### Stems:

**Description:** 1-50 stems per plant that grow upright, stiff and four sided. Often branching giving the plant a bushy appearance.

**Color:** Green with a purple hue



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## European Water Chestnut (*Trapa natans*)

### **Foliage:**

**Arrangement:** Rosettes of leaves on the surface of the water are alternate. Submerged leaves are either opposite or alternately arranged around the stem.

**Shape:** Triangular, strongly toothed and connected to the stem by an inflated petiole. Submerged leaves are feathery shaped.



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### **Flowers:**

**Description:** four small inconspicuous white petals with a light yellow center.

**Bloom Time:** July to first frost.



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### **Fruit:**

**Shape/Size:** Nut like fruit with four half inch long sharp barbed spines.

**Color:** Viable seeds are green and are connected to plant; unviable seeds are black or dark brown and are often found floating in the water or stuck in substrate.

\*Seeds ripen about a month after flowers appear and remain viable for up to 12 years. Each seed can produce 1-15 rosettes and each rosette can produce as many as 20 seeds.



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## Eurasian Water Milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

### Foliage:

**Description:** Leaves are bright green, finely dissected and whorled around the stem in pairs of four leaves with **more than 12 feathery leaflets on each leaf.**

**Terminal leader:** Tip of plant is a reddish brown color. This is a distinctive trait compared to native milfoil species.



Photo Credit: sleloinvasives.org

### Flowers:

**Description:** tiny, inconspicuous pinkish red flowers located in the axils of flower bracts. Either with 4 petals or without petals all together. Flower spikes arise 2-4 inches above water surface.

### Fruit:

**Description:** Four-jointed nut-like body



Photo Credit: Robert Harris, dynamicdunes.bd.psu.edu

### Stem:

**Description:** Slender, thickened below the flower, doubles in width further down the stem, becomes leafless near the base, and branches repeatedly at water surface.

**Length:** 3-10 feet long but can reach lengths of 33 feet.



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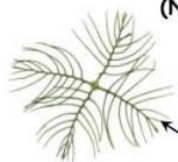
**Eurasian water-milfoil**  
*Myriophyllum spicatum*  
(Non-native)

Leaves in whorls of 3-5  
and may be widely  
spaced along the stem



Note: More than 12  
pairs of leaflets

**Northern water-milfoil**  
*Myriophyllum sibiricum*  
(Native)



Note: Usually  
12 or fewer  
pairs of leaflets



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## TARGET SPECIES

### European frog-bit (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*)

#### Foliage :

**Description:** Leaves are green, thick, heart shaped, with smooth edges and spongy, purplish red undersides.

**Size:** 1-2 inches wide, usually less than 1 inch.



<https://plants.iias.uii.edu/wp-content/uploads/images/limspo/limspo06.jpg>

#### Flowers:

**Description:** Small white showy flowers with three petals and yellow centers.

#### Fruit:

**Description:** Seeds are approximately .04 in (1mm) long



<http://wiseacre-gardens.com/wordpress/european-frog-bit/>

#### Roots:

**Description:** long and unbranched, dangles from undersides of each rosette of leaves.

**Size:** 3-8 inches long



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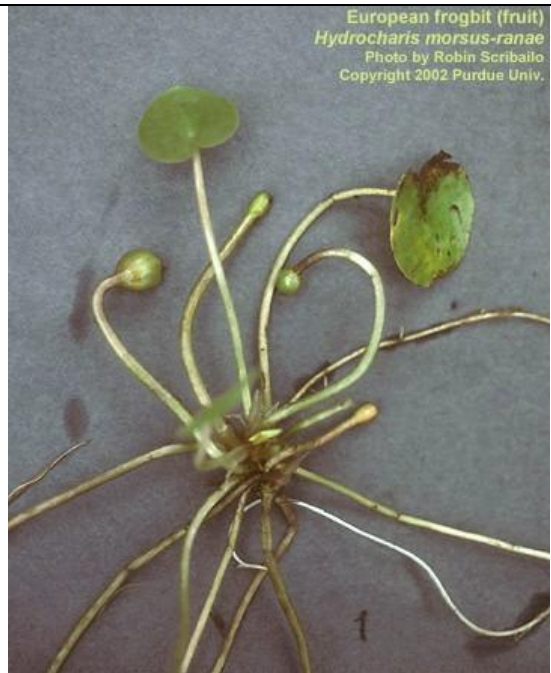


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European frogbit (fruit)  
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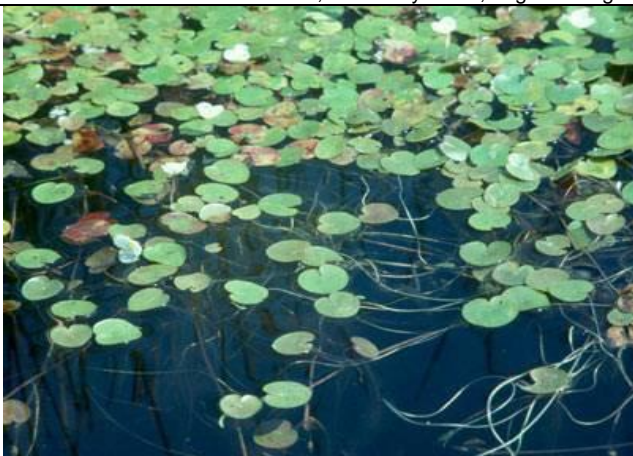


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## TARGET SPECIES

### Bloody Red Shrimp (*Hemimysis anomala*)

#### Description:

**Size:** Mature bloody red shrimp reach 6-13mm in length; females are slightly larger than males.

**Color:** Ivory-yellow in color or translucent, but have red pigmentation on their dorsal and posterior section.



Photo Credit: S. Pothoven, Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory

#### Distinguishing Features:

Bloody red shrimp can be distinguished from other mysid species, such as the opossum shrimp, by comparing the posterior section (telson) which in bloody red shrimp has a long spine at both corners compared to the forked telson of opossum shrimp.



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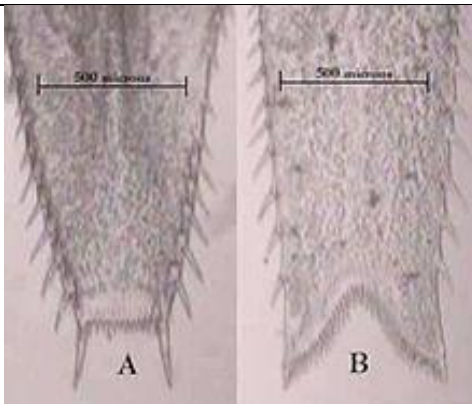


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## TARGET SPECIES

### Emerald Ash Borer (*Agrilus planipennis*)

#### Description:

**Color:** Bright, metallic emerald green color with variable amounts of brassy, coppery or reddish reflections especially on the wings. Dorsal surface is bright coppery red and can be seen when wings are open ( **this is a distinguishing feature as EAB are the only *Agrilus* species in North America that have bright metallic red abdomens**)

**Size:** ½ long to 1/8 inch wide.

EAB may be present from late May – early September; but are most common in June-July.



<http://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/eab/images/eabhome.jpg>

#### Larvae:

**Description:** Creamy white in color with definitively segmented bodies

**Size:** 1-1.25 inches

#### Eggs:

Are brown and 1 mm in size



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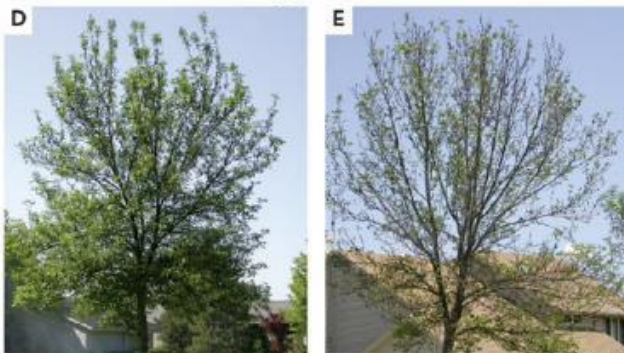
#### Signs of Infestation:

- 0.1-0.2 inch D shaped exit holes in ash tree bark
- Canopy dieback
- Epicormics sprouts (sprouts at base of tree)
- Woodpecker damage
- Bark cracks
- Yellowing and browning of leaves



Photo Credit: David R. McKay, USDA APHIS PPQ, bugwood.org

#### **Canopy Dieback**



<http://www.theserviceguide.com/images/Image/eabtrees.jpg>



[http://www2.ca.uky.edu/caps/eab\\_epicormic.asp](http://www2.ca.uky.edu/caps/eab_epicormic.asp)



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# Common Aquatic Native Species, and Some Invasive Look-A-Likes Found in SLELO: (Submerged Organisms)



***Ceratophyllum demersum***

(Coontail)

Submerged aquatic plant

NATIVE







***Cabomba caroliniana***

(Fanwort)

Submerged aquatic  
plant

**INVASIVE**

**WATCH-LIST SPECIES**

Distinctive Y-shaped leaf tips

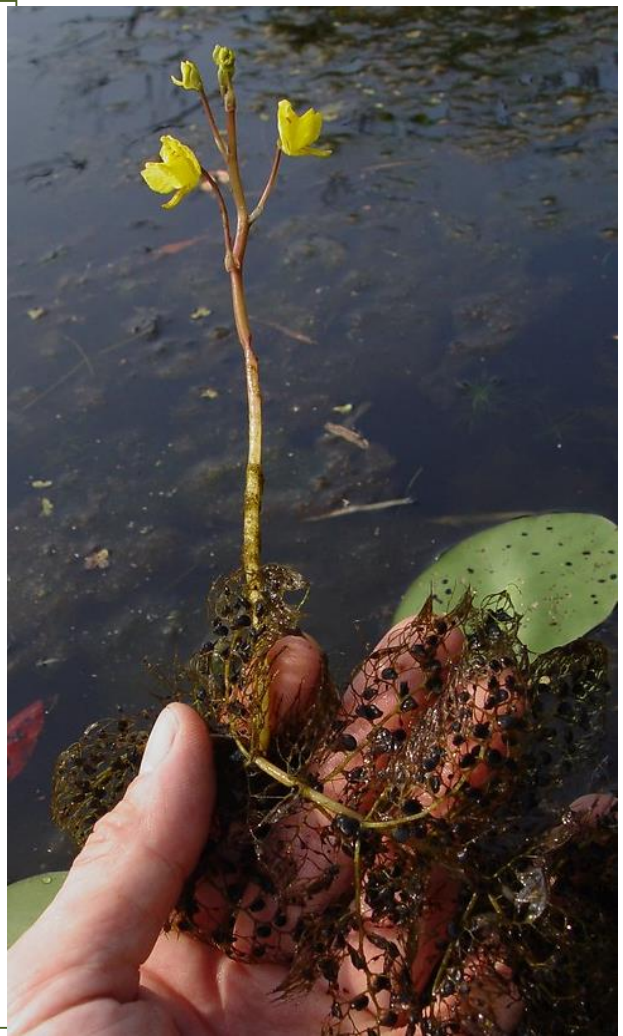


***Utricularia vulgaris***

(Greater bladderwort)

Submerged aquatic plant

NATIVE



Distinct bladder sacs. Leaves are not fan shaped.





***Ranunculus aquatilis***

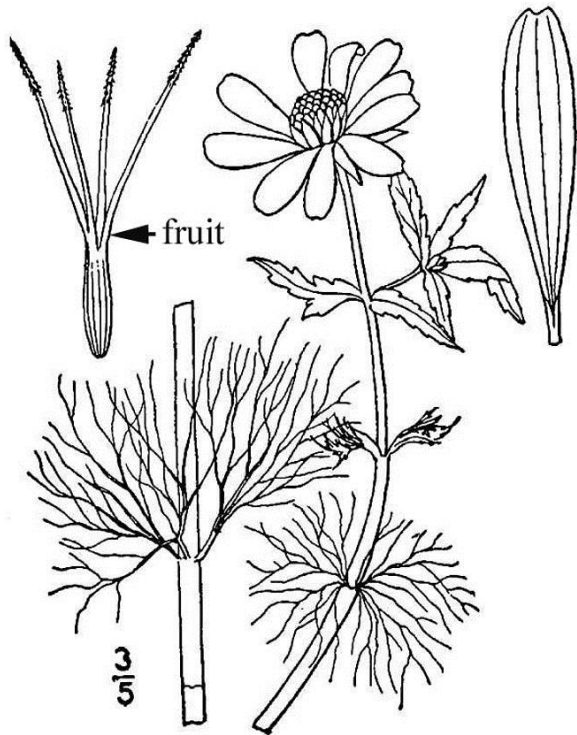
(White water buttercup)

Submerged aquatic plant

NATIVE

- Leaves are alternate





### ***Bidens beckii***

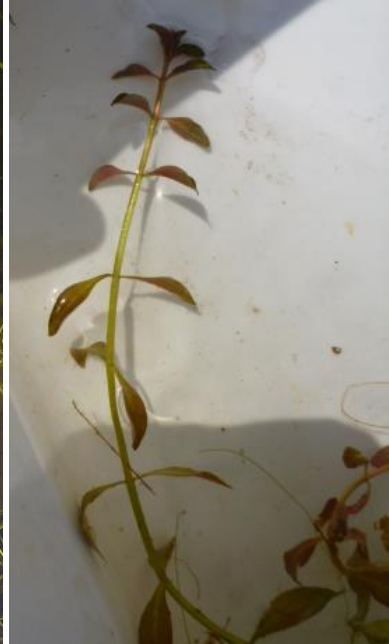
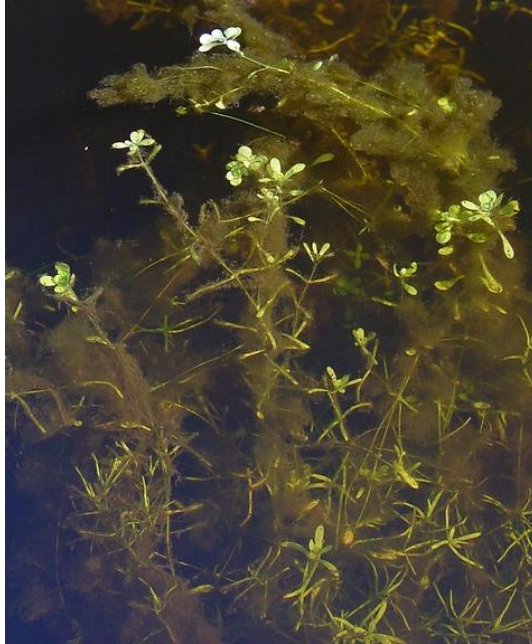
Water marigold

Submerged

NATIVE

- Has opposite leaves that appear whorled around stem. **No petiole** on submerged leaves/stem.





***Callitriche palustris***  
Vernal water-starwort  
Submerged/Floating  
NATIVE





***Chara spp.***

(Stonewort)

Submerged aquatic algae

NATIVE







***Fontinalis spp.***  
(Aquatic mosses)  
Submerged aquatic moss  
NATIVE



***Najas minor***

**Brittle naiad**

Visible pointed and serrated leaves. Leaves may appear to be opposite, in whorls, or in clumps.

**INVASIVE**





***Najas flexilis***

Slender naiad

Submerged

Opposite leaves with two leaves per node.

Leaf blades are 2-6 mm long.

NATIVE





***Najas guadalupensis***

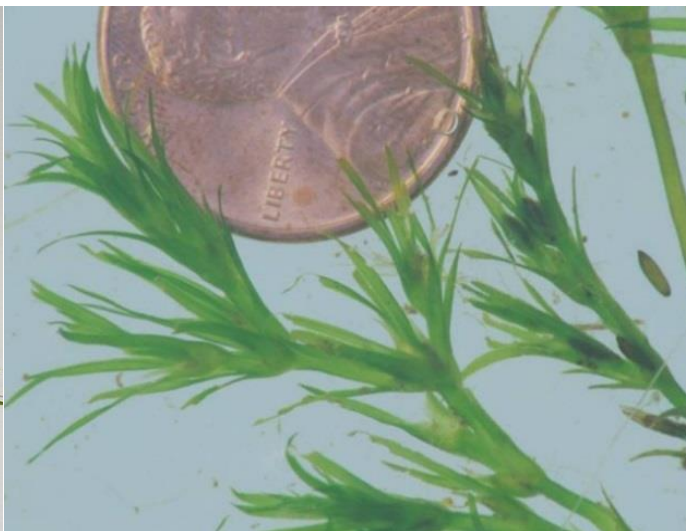
Southern naiad

Submerged

Opposite leaves with 2 leaves per node.

Leaf blades are 3-33 mm long.

NATIVE





***Najas gracillima***

Thread-like naiad

Submerged

Opposite leaves with 2 leaves per node. Leaf blades are 6-28 mm long

NATIVE





***Elodea canadensis***

(Elodea)

Submerged aquatic plant

NATIVE





***Egeria densa***

(Brazilian waterweed)

Submerged aquatic plant

**INVASIVE**



### ***Hydrilla verticillata***

**Hydrilla**

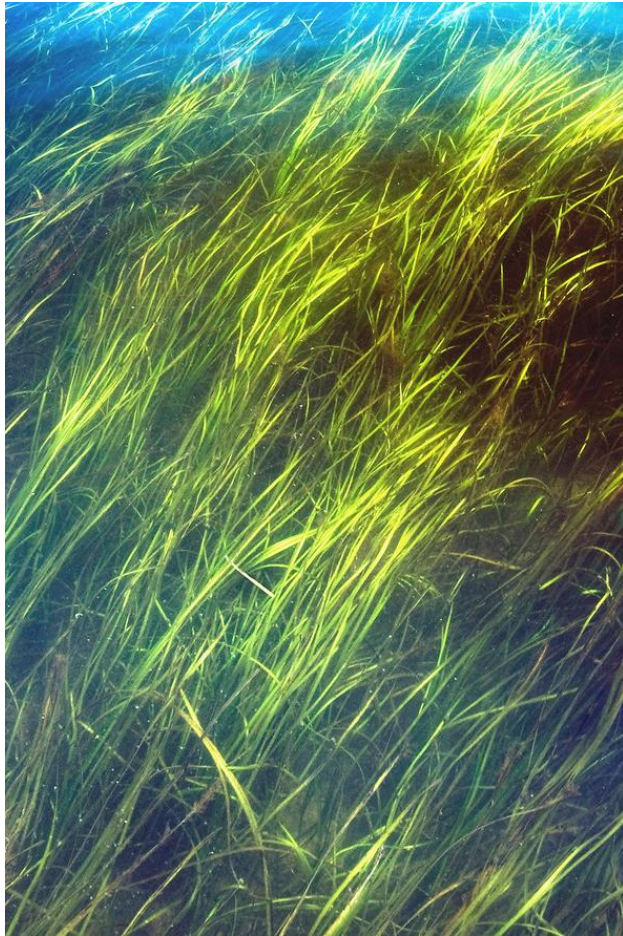
Submerged

Leaves of 4-10 whorled around  
stem + visible serrations  
+tubers=**hydrilla**

**INVASIVE**

**WATCH-LIST SPECIES**





***Zostera marina***

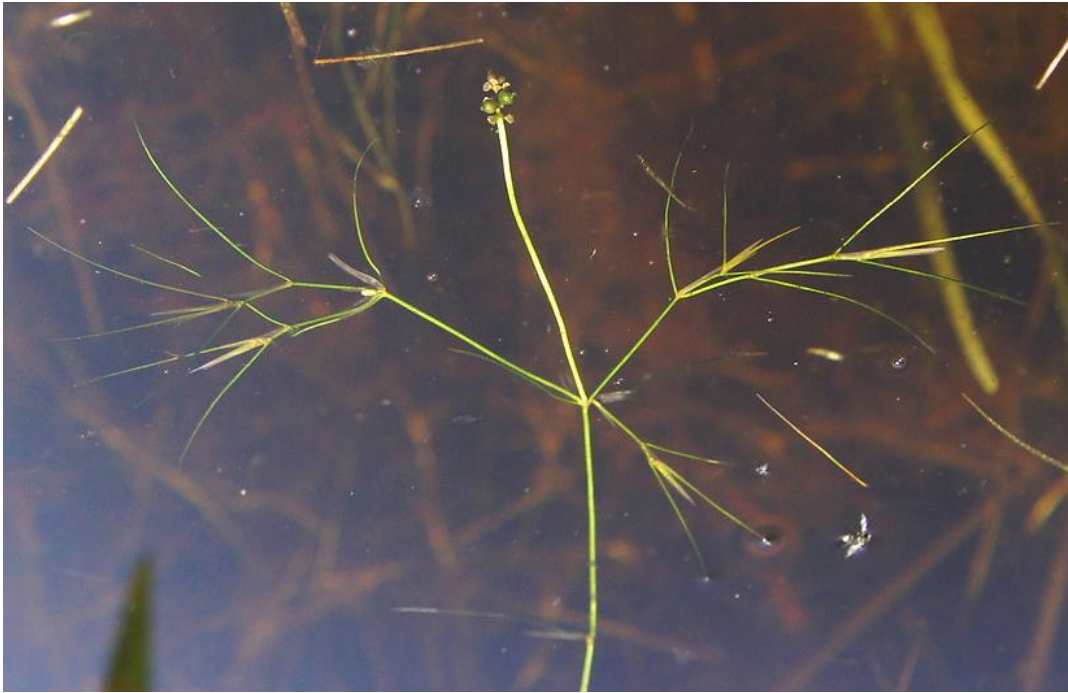
(Eel grass)

Submerged aquatic plant

NATIVE







***Potamogeton pusillus***

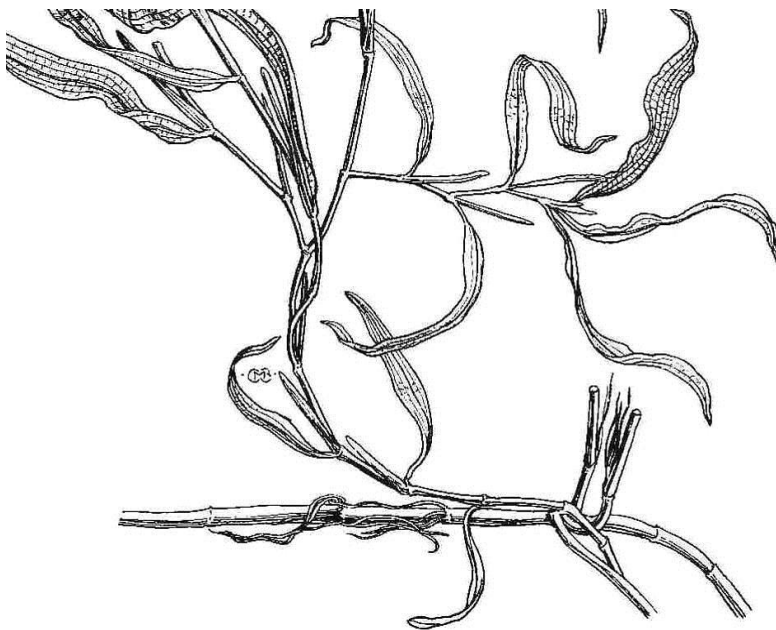
(Slender pondweed)

Submerged aquatic plant

NATIVE







***Potamogeton amplifolius***

Broadleaf pondweed

Submerged

NATIVE



***Potamogeton praelongus***

White-stemmed pondweed

Submerged

NATIVE





***Potamogeton perfoliatus***

(Clasping-leaf pondweed)

Submerged aquatic plant

NATIVE







***Potamogeton crispus***

(Curly-leaf pondweed)

Submerged aquatic plant

**INVASIVE**







***Potamogeton spirillus***

(Northern snail-seed  
pondweed)

Submerged/floating  
aquatic plant

NATIVE





***Potamogeton nodosus***  
(Long-leaved pondweed)

Submerged/floating  
aquatic plant

NATIVE





***Potamogeton natans***

Floating pondweed

Some emergent leaves, some submerged. Alternate leaves with one leaf per node. Leaf blade is elliptic and ovate.

NATIVE





***Myriophyllum alterniflorum***

Alternate-flowered water-milfoil

Submerged

Whorled leaves, average of **3-5 leaves per whorl**, and **3-7 leaflet pairs per leaf**.

NATIVE







***Myriophyllum sibiricum***

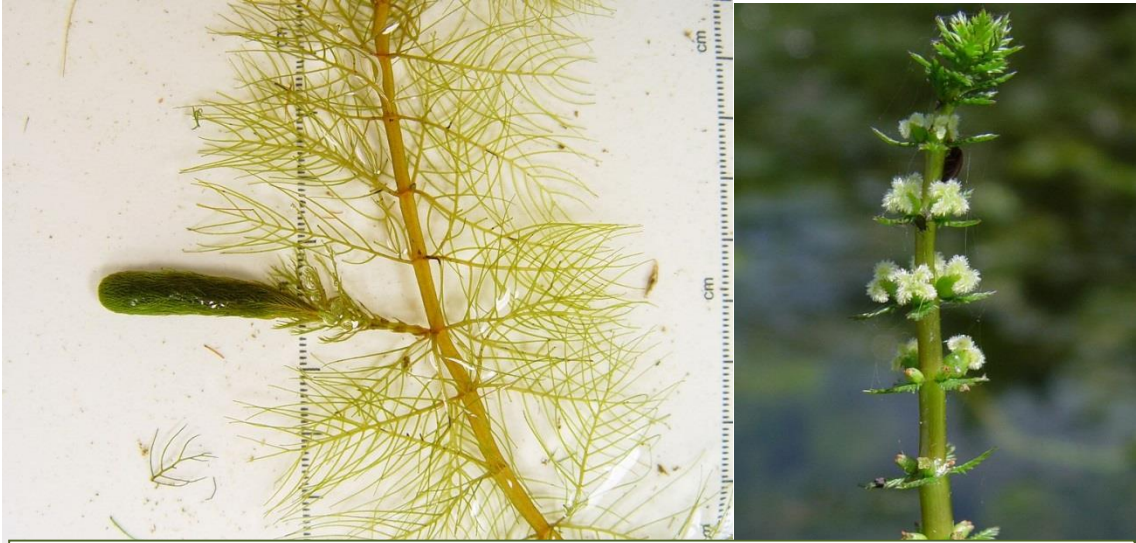
Northern water-milfoil

Submerged

**Stiff, whorled leaves, 4-5 leaves per whorl,  
5-14 leaflet pairs per leaf.**

NATIVE





***Myriophyllum verticillatum***

Whorled water-milfoil

Submerged

Whorled leaves, **4-5 leaves per whorl, 5-14 leaflet pairs per leaf.**

NATIVE







***Myriophyllum farwellii***

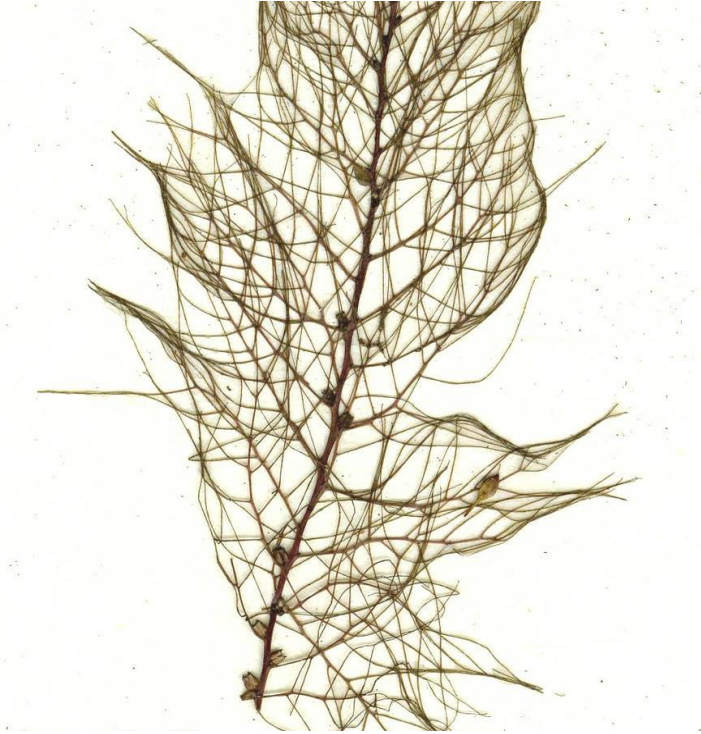
Farwell's water-milfoil

Submerged

Leaves **radially scattered** and whorled, **3-5 leaves per whorl, 5-12 leaflets per leaf.**

**NATIVE**





***Myriophyllum humile***

Low water-milfoil

Submerged

Leaves radially scattered, 5-12 leaves per leaflet.

NATIVE







***Myriophyllum aquaticum***

Parrot feather

Submerged

Whorled. 4-6 leaves with 5-14  
leaflets. Tiny white flowers.

**INVASIVE**



***Myriophyllum heterophyllum* X *Myriophyllum laxum***

Variable water-milfoil hybrid

Submerged

Whorled. **4-6 leaves and 5-14 leaflets.** Bracts and flowers arranged both alternately and whorled. Bracts can be pinnately lobed to elongated and full.

INVASIVE







### *Myriophyllum heterophyllum*

Variable-leaved water-milfoil

Submerged

Whorled. **4-6 leaves and 5-14 leaflets.** Flowers and bracts in whorls. Bracts are serrated and larger than flowers. **Red stems common.**

**INVASIVE**



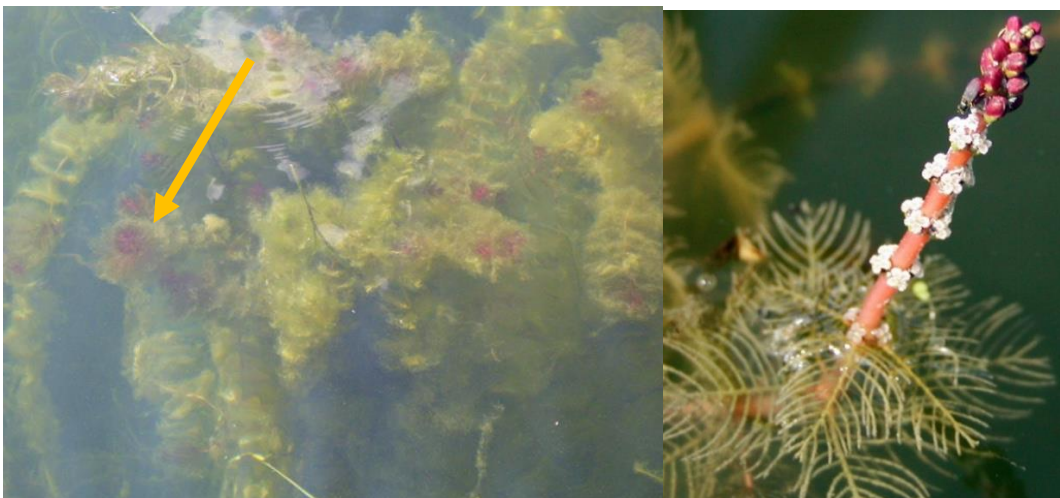


***Myriophyllum spicatum***

(Eurasian Water -Milfoil)

Whorled. **3-6 leaves with more than 12 leaflets.** Plant has red tip.  
Flowers and bracts are in whorls, and flowers are larger than bracts.

**INVASIVE**





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***Brasenia schreberi***  
(Water-shield)  
Floating aquatic plant  
NATIVE







*Nymphaea odorata*  
(Fragrant waterlily)  
Floating aquatic plant  
**NATIVE**



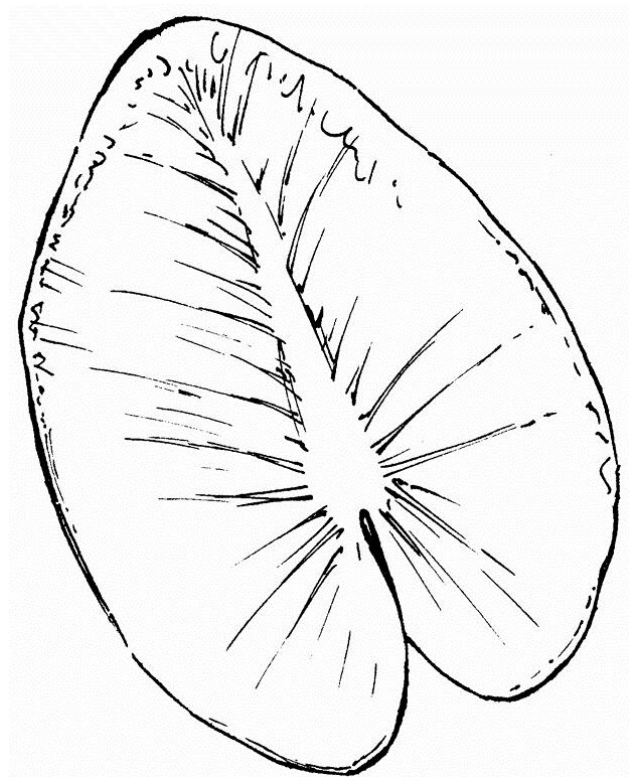


***Nuphar variegata***

Yellow pond-lily

Emergent

NATIVE







***Hydrocharis morsus-ranae***

(European frog-bit)

Floating aquatic plant

**INVASIVE**





*Trapa natans*

(Water-chestnut)

Floating aquatic plant

INVASIVE





***Spirogyra, Mougeotia, Zygnema, Cladophora,  
Hydrodictyon spp.***

(Filamentous green algae)

Submerged/floating aquatic algae

NATIVE







***Didymosphenia geminata***  
(Didymo)

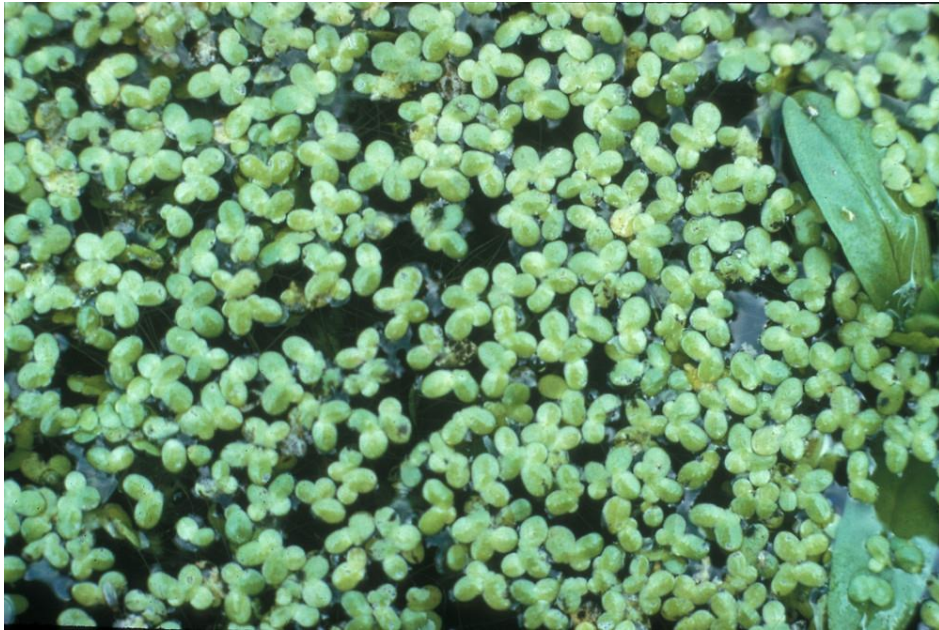
Emergent or submerged. Feels like wet wool. Yellow-brown to white in color

**INVASIVE**

**WATCH-LIST SPECIES**







***Lemna minor***

(Common duckweed)

Emergent

NATIVE



Common Aquatic Native Species, and Some  
Invasive Look-A-Likes Found in SLELO:  
(Emergent Organisms)





***Eichhornia crassipes***  
(Common water-hyacinth)  
Emergent/floating aquatic plant  
**INVASIVE**  
**WATCH-LIST SPECIES**







***Sagittaria latifolia***

Arrowhead

Emergent

NATIVE







***Lythrum salicaria***  
(Purple loosestrife)  
Emergent aquatic plant  
**INVASIVE**





***Iris pseudacorus***

(Yellow iris)

Emergent aquatic plant

**INVASIVE**





***Typha latifolia***  
***Typha angustifolia***  
(Cattails)

Emergent aquatic plant

NATIVE



**Leaf sheath** is located at the lower part of the stem and typically is wrapped tightly around the culm (stem).



***Phragmites australis***

(Phragmites)

Emergent aquatic/  
terrestrial plant

**INVASIVE**

Invasive *Phragmites*  
have purple plumes  
when going to seed.

**Non-native**



**Native**







***Phragmites americanus***

(American reed)

Emergent aquatic plant

NATIVE



***Justica americana***

(American water-willow)

Emergent aquatic plant

NATIVE





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