

What you can do to help:

The best way to control Eurasian watermilfoil is to prevent the weed from spreading to new areas. Whether you live near an infested area or not, you can help stop the spread of this invader.

Locations where aquatic weeds are often found:



Everyone engaged in activities on Idaho's waterways should be aware of the potential of spreading this invader.

- Spread the word about Eurasian watermilfoil to neighbors and friends who use our rivers and lakes.
- Learn to identify Eurasian watermilfoil and report sightings.
- If you belong to a lake association or other water user's group, get the group involved in Eurasian watermilfoil prevention.

"Did you clean your boat... before coming to my lake?"



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HELP STOP THE SPREAD



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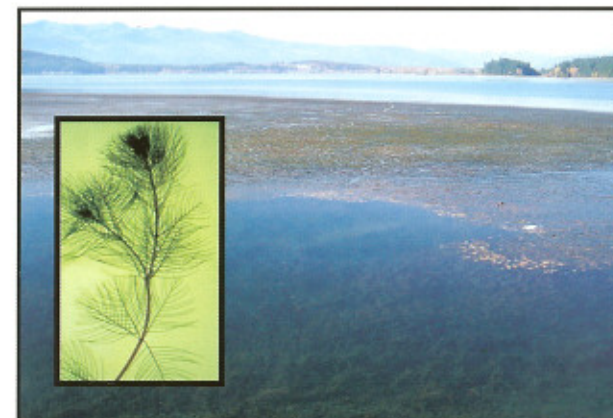
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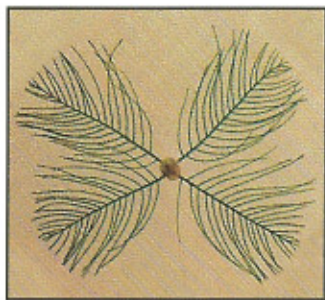
Have you seen this water weed?

It's called Eurasian watermilfoil.
It is not native to Idaho.
Once it starts growing it is very difficult to control.



To identify Eurasian watermilfoil:

- Count the pairs of leaflets. Eurasian watermilfoil has twelve or more pairs.
- It has a feather-like appearance. The leaves collapse around the stem when removed from the water.
- The topmost leaves and stems may be reddish-brown or pink.
- Mature leaves are usually arranged in whorls of four around the stem.



If you've seen this plant, please contact your County Weed Superintendent.

Why is it a problem?

Eurasian watermilfoil is a highly aggressive aquatic plant that can form dense mats which congest waterways and crowd out native aquatic plants. It has no natural enemies to control it in Idaho. While this thick growth may impair recreational uses of a waterway including boating, swimming and fishing; dense growth can lead to deteriorating water quality in infested waterways, thereby altering and degrading the habitat of native fish and wildlife.

Eurasian watermilfoil can cost lake users millions of dollars a year to manage.



Protect this pristine lake for your future.

How does it spread?

Eurasian watermilfoil is readily spread by plant fragments that may be carried inadvertently by wind and water currents or dispersed by boats, motors, trailers, live wells, bait buckets or fishing gear. These fragments can stay alive for weeks if they remain wet.

What is being done?

Idaho is proactive in the control of Eurasian watermilfoil.

- In 2006, the Idaho Legislature appropriated \$4 million over two years strictly for the eradication of Eurasian watermilfoil. This effort is under the direction of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture.

www.agri.state.id.us

- Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign informs us all through TV and radio ads, newspaper ads and through their website.

www.idahoweedawareness.org

- The Eurasian watermilfoil Taskforce in cooperation with the University of Idaho and Idaho State Department of Agriculture has surveyed and mapped most of the milfoil in our state. Also, the University of Idaho is conducting research into the control of Eurasian watermilfoil.
- Currently, in every county in Idaho where Eurasian watermilfoil has been discovered, there is an active plan to control this weed.

This is a statewide effort, and we appreciate your help.

