

Outlawed!

Federal Noxious Weeds: The Aquatics

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is responsible for preventing the spread of certain foreign weeds into and through the United States. Aquatic weeds pose a significant risk to the Nation's surface water resources. Free-floating and rooted aquatic weeds can clog irrigation channels and cover lakes, threatening crops and wildlife.

Although outlawed, some species on the Federal Noxious Weeds List have been introduced intentionally through aquatic garden and aquarium plant sales and distributed at swap meets. Others have come here unintentionally as contaminants in legal shipments, in ballast water, etc.

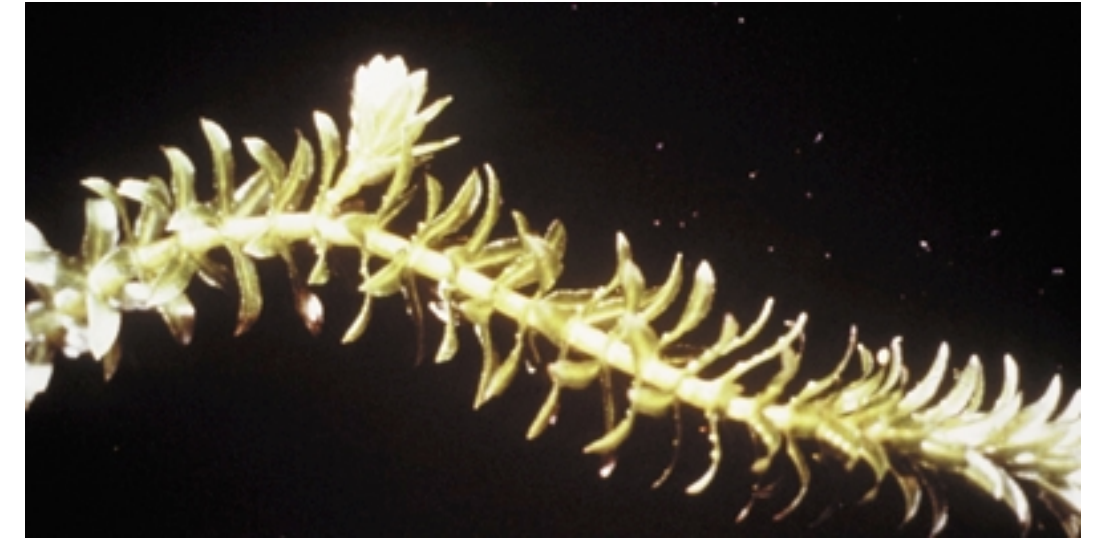
For more information on the Federal Noxious Weeds List, including more aquatics, visit www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/weeds/ on the World Wide Web.



Giant salvinia
Salvinia auriculata complex



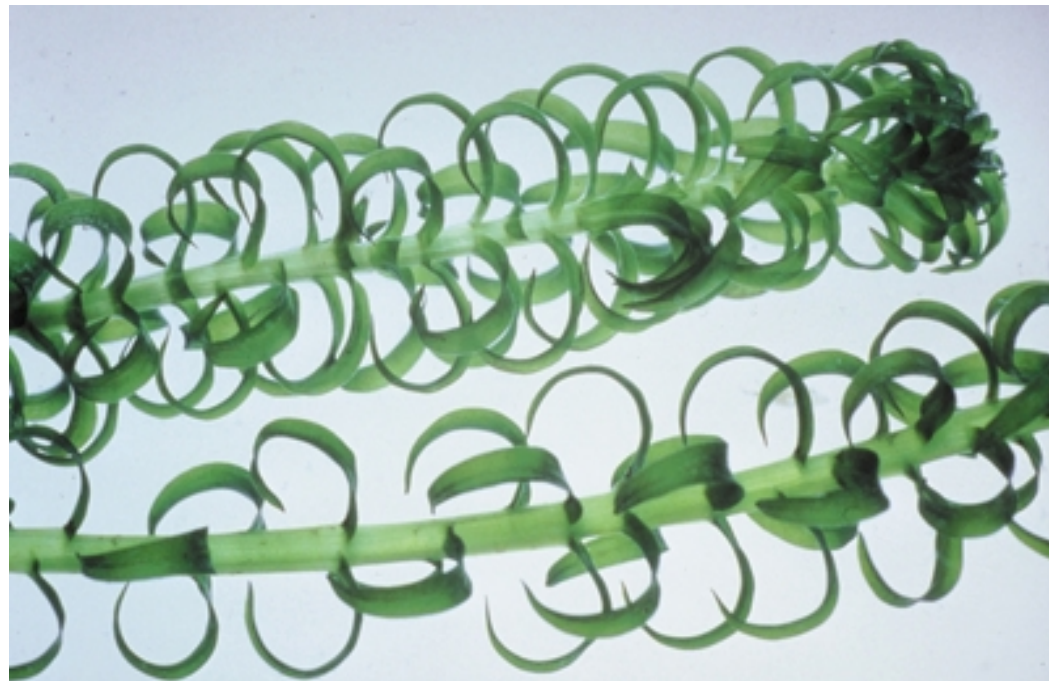
Anchored waterhyacinth
Eichhornia azurea



Hydrilla
Hydrilla verticillata



Indian hygrophila
Hygrophila polysperma



Oxygen weed
Lagarosiphon major



Limnophila
Limnophila sessiliflora



Monochoria
Monochoria vaginalis



Caulerpa
Caulerpa taxifolia



Pinnate mosquitofern
Azolla pinnata

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