



# EASTERN UP INVASIVE: Eurasian Watermilfoil

*Myriophyllum spicatum*



Photo by A. Fox

## WHY THE CONCERN?

Eurasian Watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) is an aquatic invasive species that has begun taking over large areas of shallow water, outcompeting native aquatic plant. It forms dense mats which make the area inhabitable for many species and difficult for boaters to navigate through the waters. At autumn die-off, decaying matter depletes water oxygen.

## FEATURES OF EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL

This plant grows submerged in dense mats with a length of usually 3-10 feet. It has feather-like leaves that grow in groups of 4-5 and have 9-21 threadlike leaflets that are whorled at the stem. It is also limp in composure compared to other native species. For additional advice about identifying or controlling this invasive species, please contact Biological Services at (906) 248-8652.

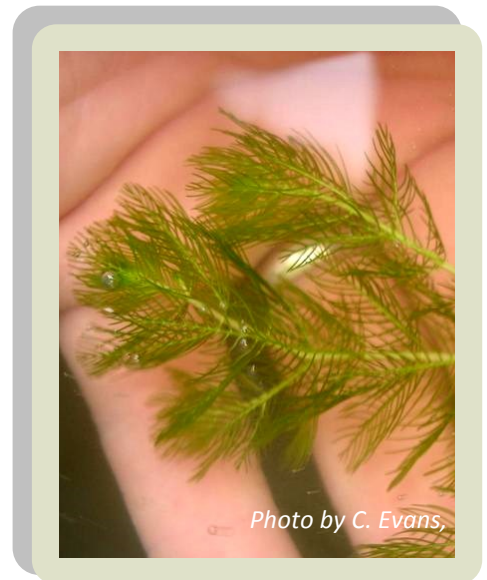


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## CONTROL METHOD

Mechanical treatment, such as hand pulling and raking, are the most effective methods. Be sure to remove all fragments, as they can create new plants. Herbicide treatment can be used, a permit must be granted for use.

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