

# Regulated Aquatic Invasive Plants in WI

Please report any **prohibited** species (as indicated by the red frame box) to the WDNR.

**Report by email to: [Invasive.Species@wi.gov](mailto:Invasive.Species@wi.gov) or by phone at: (608) 266-6437**

OR to find out more information, for information on reporting restricted species and whom to contact go to:

**<http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/aquatic/whattodo/>**



**Flowering rush**  
(*Butomus umbellatus*)



**Purple loosestrife**  
(*Lythrum salicaria*)



**Curly-leaf pondweed**  
(*Potamogeton crispus*)



**Eurasian water milfoil**  
(*Myriophyllum spicatum*)



**Australian swamp stonecrop**  
(*Crassula helmsii*)



**Brazilian waterweed**  
(*Egeria densa*)



**Hydrilla**  
(*Hydrilla verticillata*)



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



**African elodea**  
(*Lagarosiphon major*)



**Parrot feather**  
(*Myriophyllum aquaticum*)



**Brittle water nymph**  
(*Najas minor*)



**Yellow floating heart**  
(*Nymphoides peltata*)



**Water chestnut**  
(*Trapa natans*)



**Fanwort**  
(*Cabomba caroliniana*)



**Didymo or rock snot (alga)**  
(*Didymosphenia geminata*)



**Starry stonewort (alga)**  
(*Nitellopsis obtusa*)

 **Restricted Species**

 **Prohibited Species**

For more information about NR 40 (WI's Invasive Species Rule), Restricted, or Prohibited species please visit: [www.dnr.wi.gov/invasives/classification](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/invasives/classification)

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**CHAPTER NR 40:  
INVASIVE SPECIES IDENTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION AND CONTROL**  
*AQUATIC INVASIVE PLANTS SUMMARY*

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The Invasive Species Rule (Chapter NR 40) went into effect on September 1, 2009. The rule establishes a comprehensive, science-based way to classify and regulate invasive species in Wisconsin. The rule divides species into 2 categories, "Prohibited" and "Restricted," with different regulations and control requirements. The rule also establishes "Preventative Measures" to show what actions we can take to slow the spread of invasive species. Chapter NR 40 covers over 128 species, including plants, animals, and microorganisms.

WI Statute 23.22 defines **Invasive Species** as "nonindigenous species whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health." Not all nonnative plants are harmful, so NR 40 helps us determine which ones are invasive.

**Prohibited Invasive Plants** \*



- These species are not yet in the state or only in a few places
- These species are likely to cause environmental and/or economic harm
- It is still possible to eradicate these species and prevent their spread statewide

**Regulations: Cannot transport, possess, transfer (buy or sell), or introduce without a permit**

**Control Authority:** Control is required. DNR may order or conduct a control effort

**Restricted Invasive Plants** \*



- These species are already widely established in the state
- High environmental and/or economic impacts are evident with these species
- Complete eradication of these species is unlikely

**Regulations: Cannot transport, transfer (buy or sell), or introduce without a permit**

**Control Authority:** Control is encouraged but not required

\*All viable part of the species (including seeds) are covered by these regulations.

**What This Means for You**

The primary goal of NR 40 is to slow the spread of invasive species in Wisconsin. The Department is using a "stepped enforcement" protocol, which emphasizes education and voluntary compliance. However, citations may be issued for aquatic invasive species violations. Remember:

- **It is illegal to buy, sell, give away, or barter any species listed under Chapter NR 40.**
- **Please become familiar with the listed plants and their regulated status for your county.**
- **You are responsible to comply with all elements of Chapter NR 40.**

*Regulations differ slightly for certain species. Please go to the WDNR website to see listed exemptions for NR40, as well as the rule's implications for aquatic invertebrates, fish, and terrestrial species:*

**[www.dnr.wi.gov/invasives/classification](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/invasives/classification)**



**STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!**  
Prevent the spread of invasive species, it's the law

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