

Be Able to Recognize Invasive Species

Phragmites: Also known as common reed, can grow up to 16 feet tall. Leaves are wide, dark green to blue-green. Leaves are dropped in winter but the sheaths remain attached to the stems. Stems are very strong, with distinct ridges. Seedheads are fluffy, often 8-12 inches tall, and are tan to purple.



Faucet Snail: Faucet snails grow up to 12-15mm long, and have a light brown to black shell with 4-5 whorls. The opening is on the right side and protected by hard trapdoor called an operculum. Faucet snails are hosts to three intestinal parasites that can kill waterfowl when eaten.



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Protect Our Furbearer Habitat



A Trapper's Guide to Saving Wildlife Habitat



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Trapping in Wisconsin is a heritage passed on from generation to generation. Healthy, diverse habitat conditions are crucial to successful trapping. Trappers, now more than ever, can help prevent the spread of invasive species. Cleaning equipment and footwear greatly reduces introducing invasive plants and organisms that can impact our natural resources.



Learn to identify invasive species and notice changes in types of plants and organisms. Finding invasive species and reporting them early greatly increases the opportunity to control a new population effectively.



Invasive species such as phragmites (above), Eurasian watermilfoil, purple loosestrife, faucet snails, buckthorn, wild parsnip and others threaten many areas. These “hitchhikers” are from foreign places and have no native predators. Invasive species impact trapping by reducing useable habitat, food for animals, and causing health risks to animals and people.



Take Action!

Be apart of the solution.

✓ **INSPECT** all footwear, waders, watercraft, and equipment (traps, trap stakes, chains, anchors, tools, etc.).

✓ **REMOVE** all attached aquatic plants, seeds, organisms and mud before leaving any area of access.

✓ **DRAIN** all water from watercraft, motors, containers and equipment before leaving any water access.

