

STOP THE INVASION

Curly Leaf Pond Weed

Potamogeton crispus

Curly Leaf Pond Weed has been known to contribute to high levels of Phosphorus in water leading to algal blooms.

UNWANTED PLANTS

Origin

Native to Eurasia, Africa, and Australia. Introduced to North America in the 1800s for use as an aquarium plant.

Status

Currently, it is found throughout North America. Sightings have been reported in Manitoba and throughout neighbouring states and provinces.

Impacts

Interferes with boating and other recreation activities. Prevents native plants from growing and reduces biodiversity. Increases phosphorus, algal blooms and can kill fish.

Where to Look

Curly Leaf Pond Weed grows underwater in lakes, ponds, and wetlands. The plant can grow in low light, low temperatures and prefers water that has a lot of nutrients. It is used as an aquarium plant.



Look For:

- ◇ **Flowers:** Whitish, tiny, and have 4 petal-like lobes found on spikes raised above the water.
- ◇ **Leaves:** Reddish-green, curly with tiny toothed edges. Older leaves look like lasagne noodles.
- ◇ **Stems:** up to 1 meter long and are flattened.

Prevent the Spread into Manitoba

Remove all vegetation from boats and equipment before it is moved to another location.

Never discard aquarium contents into water bodies.

Report a Sighting:



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