

# STOP THE INVASION

# Eurasian Watermilfoil

*Myriophyllum spicatum*

Eurasian Watermilfoil can clog waterways preventing boating, swimming, and fishing.

## UNWANTED PLANTS

### Origin

Eurasian Watermilfoil is native to Eurasia and northern Africa. It was accidentally introduced into North America in the 1940s.

### Status

This plant has invaded 45 US states and 3 Canadian provinces - British Columbia, Ontario, and Quebec. The invasion of this plant into Manitoba is likely because of the spreading populations nearby in Minnesota.

### Impacts

Prevents native aquatic and wetland plants from growing. Clogs flood control, water conservation, drainage and irrigation structures.

### Where to Look

This plant can grow in fresh water lakes, wetlands, streams and rivers. This plant is also used in aquariums.



### Look For:

- ◊ **Leaves:** Feather-like and circle around the stem in groups of 3 or 4.
- ◊ **Flowers:** Very small, reddish and located on a flower spike.
- ◊ **Thick underwater mats** of plant material.

**PREVENT THE SPREAD INTO MANITOBA**  
Eurasian Watermilfoil is moved to other locations when part of the plant is caught in boat equipment and fishing gear. Check all boating and fishing equipment to make sure there are no plants attached. Never dispose of aquarium contents into bodies of water.

**Report a Sighting:**

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