



# Aquatic Nuisance Species Program

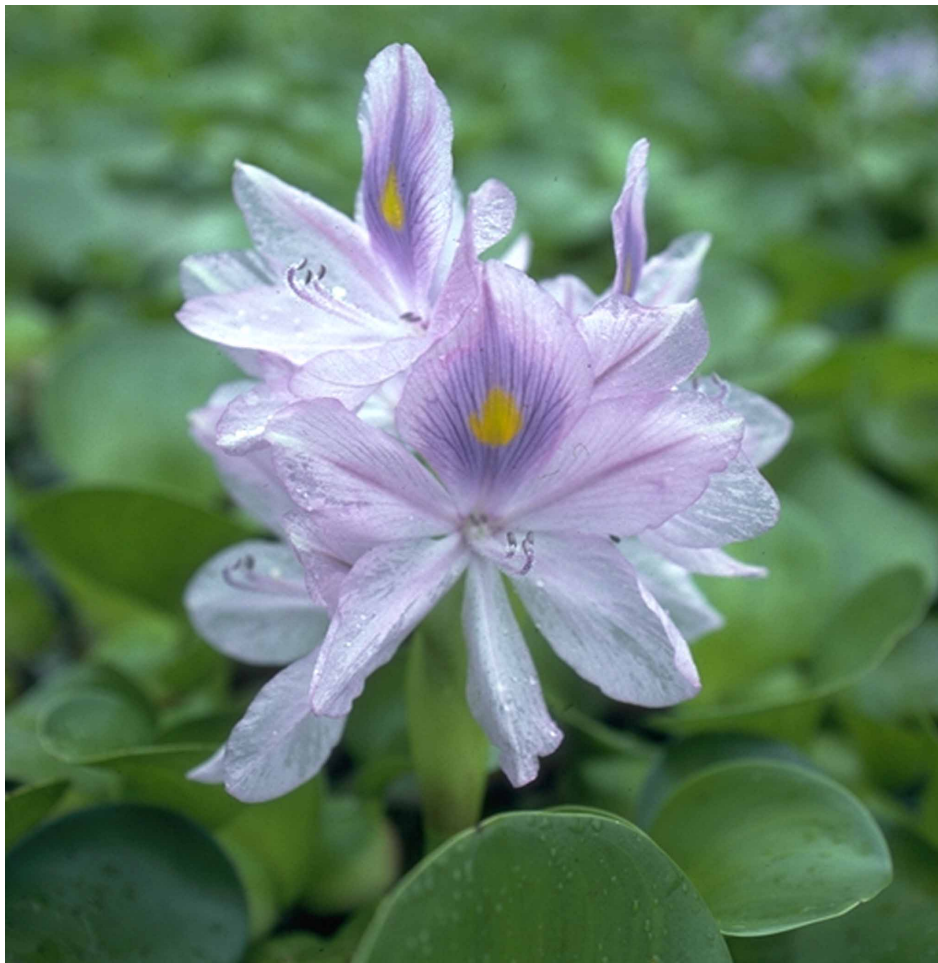
## Illegal Aquatic Plants

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### Water Hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*)

This free-floating plant from Brazil reaches up to 3 feet in height. Leaves are thick, leathery, and elliptic to ovate in shape and emerge from the plant base. The leaf stem is inflated and spongy to provide floatation. The flowering spike contains 5-20 very showy light purple flowers with a yellow spot. Roots are dark, fibrous, and feathery in appearance.



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