



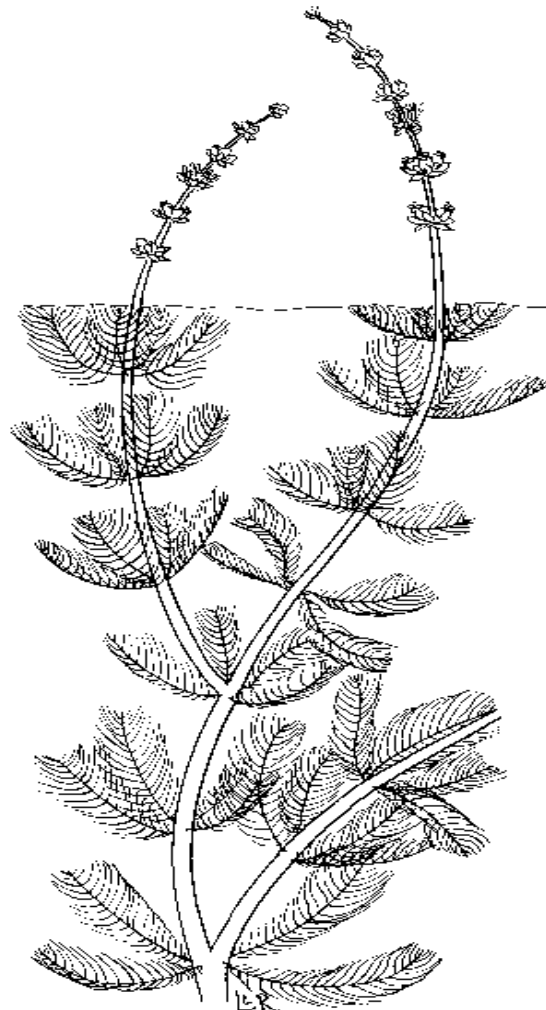
# Aquatic Nuisance Species Program

## Illegal Aquatic Plants

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### Eurasian Watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

A native of Eurasia, this species can rapidly establish itself in impoundments and natural water bodies. It can form thick colonies which displace native plants, decrease water quality, and impair navigability. This introduced species is a submersed perennial with distinct feathery leaves arranged in whorls of 4 around a long slender stem. Leaves are up to 1 inch long and usually dark green but often with a reddish tint. The flowering stem is very slender and up to 6 inches long with whorls of inconspicuous flowers. Eurasian watermilfoil is spread by fragmentation.



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