

Eurasian Water Milfoil

Myriophyllum spicatum

Haloragaceae (Water Milfoil Family)

Category:

Prohibited Noxious



- **Life cycle:** Aquatic perennial.
- **Root:** Numerous at base and along stem.
- **Leaves:** Three to four bright-green leaves, 3cm long with 12 to 48 threadlike divisions are whorled around stem at each joint. Leaves rarely extend above water surface and mat when removed from water.
- **Stems:** Slender, hairless, leafless toward base, 3m long or longer and 2mm thick. Grow to water surface then branch forming dense floating mats. Somewhat whitened when dry.
- **Flower:** Rigid, pink flowering spike, 5 to 20cm long, held erect above water surface. Small, yellow, four petaled flowers arranged in clusters. Bracts are not dissected.
- **Seed/Fruit:** Hard, segmented capsule contains four seeds.