

What's in Your Water Garden?

Protect our natural areas to grow these non-invaders.

Many plants available to water gardeners are invasive.

If introduced into our waterways -either accidentally or intentionally, they can reduce the amount of food available to fish and wildlife and change how ecosystems function.

They can also cost millions to eradicate or control.

Growing only non-weedy or regionally native plants is one way you can help protect our natural areas from aquatic invaders.

More ways you can help:

- Build your water garden away from waterways and flood-prone areas.
- Rinse plants before planting to remove animals, eggs and other plants or plant parts.
- Weed out uninvited plants. Seal unwanted plants in a plastic bag and place them in the trash. If possible, freeze the bag before disposal.
- Never release plants or animals into waterways.

Grow these non-invaders:

Non-Invasive Plant Species Name	Growing Type
Asclepias incarnata (swamp milkweed)	Marginal
Caltha palustris (marsh marigold)	Marginal
Decodon verticillatus (swamp loosestrife)	Marginal
Glyceria canadensis (rattlesnake manna grass)	Marginal
Hibiscus moscheutos (crimson-eyed rosemallow)	Marginal
Iris versicolor (blue flag iris)	Marginal
Juncus effusus (soft rush)	Marginal
Justicia americana (American water-willow)	Marginal
Liatris spicata (dense blazing star)	Marginal
Lobelia cardinalis (cardinal flower)	Marginal
Mimulus ringens (Allegheny monkey flower)	Marginal
Orontium aquaticum (golden club)	Marginal
Peltandra virginica (green arrow arum)	Marginal
Pontederia cordata (pickerelweed)	Marginal

Sagittaria latifolia (broadleaf arrowhead)	Marginal
Saururus cernuus (lizard's tail)	Marginal
Schoenoplectus pungens (common three-square)	Marginal
Sparganium eurycarpum (great bur-reed)	Marginal
Lemna minor (common duckweed)	Floating
Nelumbo lutea (American lotus)	Floating
Nuphar advena (spatterdock)	Floating
Nymphaea odorata (fragrant water lily)	Floating
Ceratophyllum demersum (hornwort)	Submerged
Elodea canadensis (American waterweed)	Submerged
Potamogeton pectinatus (sago pondweed)	Submerged

Avoid these invaders:

Invasive Plant Species Name	Growing Type
Acorus calamus (European sweetflag)	Marginal
Alternanthera philoxeroides (alligatorweed)	Marginal
Butomus umbellatus (flowering rush)	Marginal
Glyceria maxima (reed manna grass)	Marginal
Houttuynia cordata (chameleon plant)	Marginal
Iris pseudacorus (yellow flag iris)	Marginal
Lythrum salicaria (purple loosestrife)	Marginal
Marsilea quadrifolia (European waterclover)	Marginal
Nasturtium officinale (watercress)	Marginal
Phragmites australis (common reed)	Marginal
Stratiotes aloides (water soldier)	Marginal
Typha angustifolia (narrowleaf cattail)	Marginal
Aponogeton distachyos (cape pondweed)	Floating
Callitriche stagnalis (pond water-starwort)	Floating
Hydrocharis morsus-ranae (European frogbit)	Floating
Nymphoides cristata (crested floating heart)	Floating
Nymphoides peltata (yellow floating heart)	Floating
Egeria densa (anacharis)	Submerged

Limnophila sessiliflora (dwarf ambulia)	Submerged
Myriophyllum aquaticum (parrot feather)	Submerged
Myriophyllum spicatum (Eurasian watermilfoil)	Submerged
Najas minor (brittle waternymph)	Submerged
Potamogeton crispus (curlyleaf pondweed)	Submerged

For more information on water gardens and aquatic invaders in the marketplace (AIM), visit www.TakeAIM.org/card

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