

*Myriophyllum aquaticum*

# Parrotfeather Milfoil

Other common names:

Brazilian watermilfoil, thread of life

Haloragaceae, the milfoil family

Category: CONTROL



## Diagnostic Characteristics

- Plant is bright green in color; has emergent leaves and stems
- Leaves are arranged in whorls of 4 to 6 around the stem with 12 to 36 leaflet pairs
- Leaves are feather-like in appearance
- Forms dense mat of rhizomes under water and in sediment

## Background

- Native to South America; introduced as an escaped aquarium and ornamental plant
- Inhabits margins of canals, ponds, and rivers
- Reproduces through fragments and rhizomes
- Plant interferes with water movement and contributes to flooding problems
- Provides ideal mosquito larvae habitat

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