

# Outlawed!

## Federal Noxious Weeds: The Aquatics

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is responsible for preventing the spread of certain foreign weeds into and through the United States. Aquatic weeds pose a significant risk to the Nation's surface water resources. Free-floating and rooted aquatic weeds can clog irrigation channels and cover lakes, threatening crops and wildlife.

Although outlawed, some species on the Federal Noxious Weeds List have been introduced intentionally through aquatic garden and aquarium plant sales and distributed at swap meets. Others have come here unintentionally as contaminants in legal shipments, in ballast water, etc.

For more information on the Federal Noxious Weeds List, including more aquatics, visit [www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/weeds/weedhome.html](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/weeds/weedhome.html) on the World Wide Web.



Giant salvinia  
*Salvinia auriculata complex*



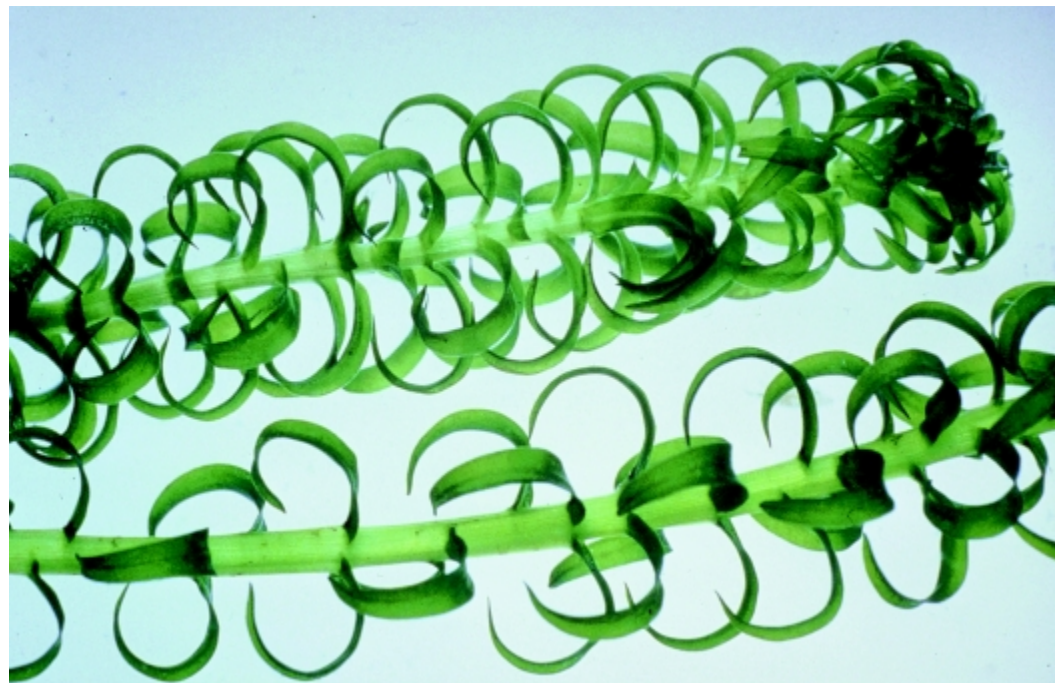
Anchored waterhyacinth  
*Eichhornia azurea*



Hydrilla  
*Hydrilla verticillata*



Indian hygrophila  
*Hygrophila polysperma*



Oxygen weed  
*Lagarosiphon major*



Limnophila  
*Limnophila sessiliflora*



Monochoria  
*Monochoria vaginalis*



Caulerpa  
*Caulerpa taxifolia*



Pinnate mosquitofern  
*Azolla pinnata*

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