

## Parrotfeather

*Myriophyllum aquaticum*

Haloragaceae, the milfoil family

Category: Control

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### Background:

- Native to South America
- Found at water's edge in rivers and canals
- New infestations from plant fragments and rhizomes; all female plants
- Interferes with water movement, prime mosquito larvae habitat
- Found along Potlatch River and irrigation canals in southwestern Idaho



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### Description:

- Bright green, emergent leaves and stems.
- Leaflets arranged in whorls (4-6) around the stem.
- Each leaflet has a feather-like pattern.
- Dense mat of intertwined brownish stems (rhizomes) in the water.
- Reddish, feathery-leaved, limp, underwater leaves may be present



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