

Brazilian Elodea (*Egeria densa*)

Category: EDRR

Distribution: Found in Ada and Latah Counties. Populations undergoing eradication.

Diagnostic Characteristics

- Leaves in whorls of 3 to 6
- Leaves linear to oblong, 1-1¼" long, ⅛" wide
- Finely toothed leaf margins with a toothless leaf midrib
- Showy flowers with 3 white petals ⅓" long



Background

- Introduced as an aquarium plant
- Reproduces by stem fragments, forms dense mats at the water surface, and out-competes native vegetation
- Dense growth impedes swimming and boating

Similar Plants

- Invasive Hydrilla (whorls of 5 toothed leaves)
- Native Elodeas (whorls of 3 smooth-edged leaves)



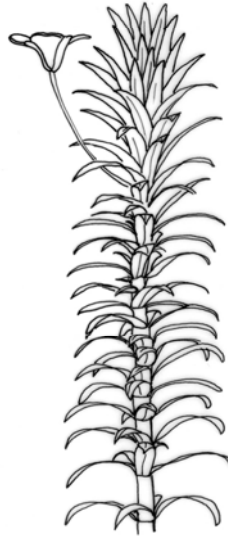
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Hydrilla Comparison