

# Curlyleaf Pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*)

**Category:** Containment

**Distribution:** Wide distribution in Idaho

## Diagnostic Characteristics

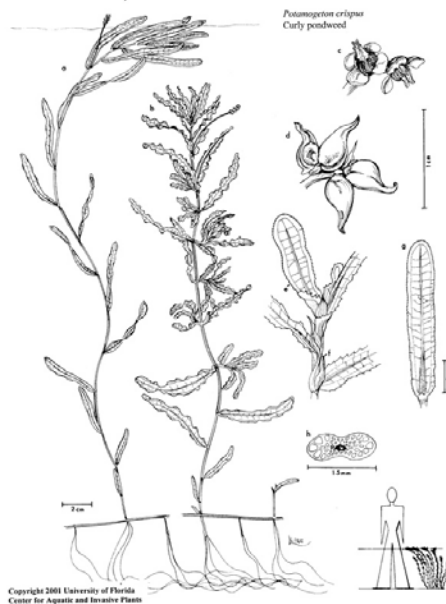
- Leaves are reddish-green, oblong, and about 3" long, with distinct wavy edges
- Stems flat, reddish-brown and 1 to 3' long

## Background

- Spreads from rhizomes and turions in the fall and is full-grown by spring
- Tolerates cold water and low light conditions
- Summer die-back may reduce dissolved oxygen levels and spark algae blooms

## Similar Plants

- Many native pondweeds, but only Curlyleaf has the characteristic crinkled leaf edges



View of *P. crispus* from boat level