

Giant Salvinia (*Salvinia molesta*)

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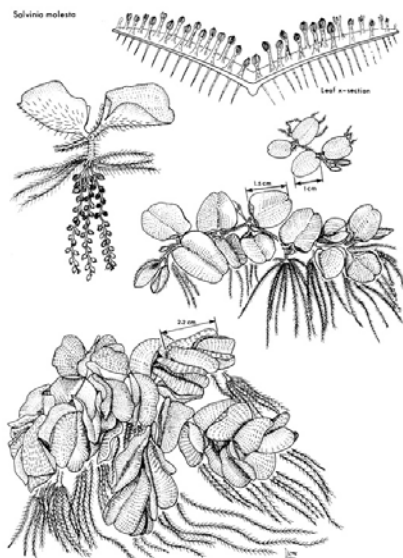
Distribution: Not found in the Northwestern US.

Diagnostic Characteristics

- Leaves are buoyant with a rough upper surface
- Leaves appear to be in groups of 2 with a 3rd leaf finely dissected and dangling, resembling roots.
- Stems are rootless, hairy, about 10 cm long.

Background

- Free floating aquatic fern
- Federally listed noxious weed
- Spreads prolifically into a monoculture which can shade out underwater natives, leaving large bare bottom areas



Side view of Giant Salvinia