

Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*)

Category: EDRR

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

Diagnostic Characteristics

- Leaves are pointed in whorls of 4 to 8 (usually 5)
- Leaf margins are saw-toothed with one or more “tooth” on the underside leaf midrib
- Flowers are small and white in color
- Tubers are produced from roots

Background

- Spreads through fragments and turions
- Stems may reach 25” long
- Considered the most problematic aquatic plant in the US
- Extremely aggressive plant; interferes with irrigation projects, recreation, and navigation

Similar Plants

- Invasive Brazilian Elodea (longer, finely toothed leaves)
- Native Elodeas (whorls of 3 smooth-edged leaves)



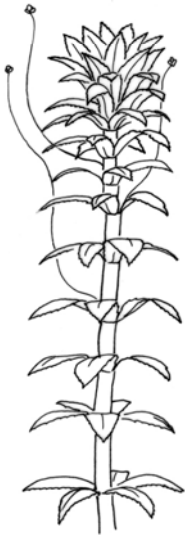
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Hydrilla Comparison