

## Parrotfeather Milfoil (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*)

**Category:** Control

**Distribution:** Ada, Canyon, Gem and Jerome counties.

### Diagnostic Characteristics

- 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.



### Background

- Formally a popular ornamental pond plant
- Found at water's edge in rivers and canals
- New infestations from plant fragments and rhizomes
- Impedes water movement and creates mosquito habitat

### Similar Plants

- Mares tail (no feather like leaves)

