



# Eurasian water-milfoil

## Information

Eurasian water-milfoil is an invasive aquatic plant native to Europe, Asia and northern Africa. Introduced to North America in the 19th century, it is now one of the most widely distributed invasive aquatic plants on the continent.

Eurasian water-milfoil prefers shallow water, but can root in up to 10 metres of water. It reproduces mainly by vegetative fragmentation (cuttings). Each of the rods can easily produce twenty new plants.

## Facts

- Eurasian water milfoil is an invasive aquatic plant that spreads rapidly in a lake, to the full invasion.
- No method has been found until now to eradicate it.
- Resale values of lakeside homes can be reduced by 20 to 30%.
- Milfoil spreads from one lake to another by boats and fishing equipment, among others.
- The presence of Eurasian interferes with swimming, boating, fishing.
- It can block water intakes and cause taste and odor problems in drinking water supplies.
- It has been found in some Laurentian lakes, specifically 'lac à la Truite' in Saint-Agathe.



## Prevention

Preventing the introduction and spread of Eurasian watermilfoil is the best way to control this invasive species in lakes and streams. Once introduced, it can be difficult and expensive to control.

### **Simple but effective actions:**

**INSPECT** boats, trailer and equipment

**REMOVE** all aquatic plants, visible debris and throw them in the trash

**CLEAN** boats using a pressure washer and brush with a biological cleaning solution

**REPEAT** cleaning each time you launch boats.