

Aquatic Plants

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Overview



Climate Change

Problem Plants

Noxious Aquatic/Riparian Weeds in Oregon

- “A” list
 - *Hydrilla verticillata* -hydrilla
 - *Trapa natans* -water chestnut
 - *Heracleum mantegazzianum* - Giant hogweed (T)
 - *Spartina spp.* cordgrasses (T)
- “B” list
 - *Egeria densa* - brazilian elodea
 - *Myriophyllum spicatum* - eurasian watermilfoil
 - *Polygonum cuspidatum* - japanese knotweed
 - *Lepidium latifolium* - perennial pepperweed
 - *Lythrum salicaria* - purple loosestrife (T)
 - *Cyperus esculentus* - yellow nutsedge
 - *Tamarix ramosissima* - salt cedar
 - *Iris pseudocarthus* - yellow flag iris
- Non-listed
 - *Cabomba caroliniana*
 - *Potamogeton crispus*
 - *Myriophyllum aquaticum*
 - *Eichhornia crassipes*
 - *et al.*



Myriophyllum spicatum



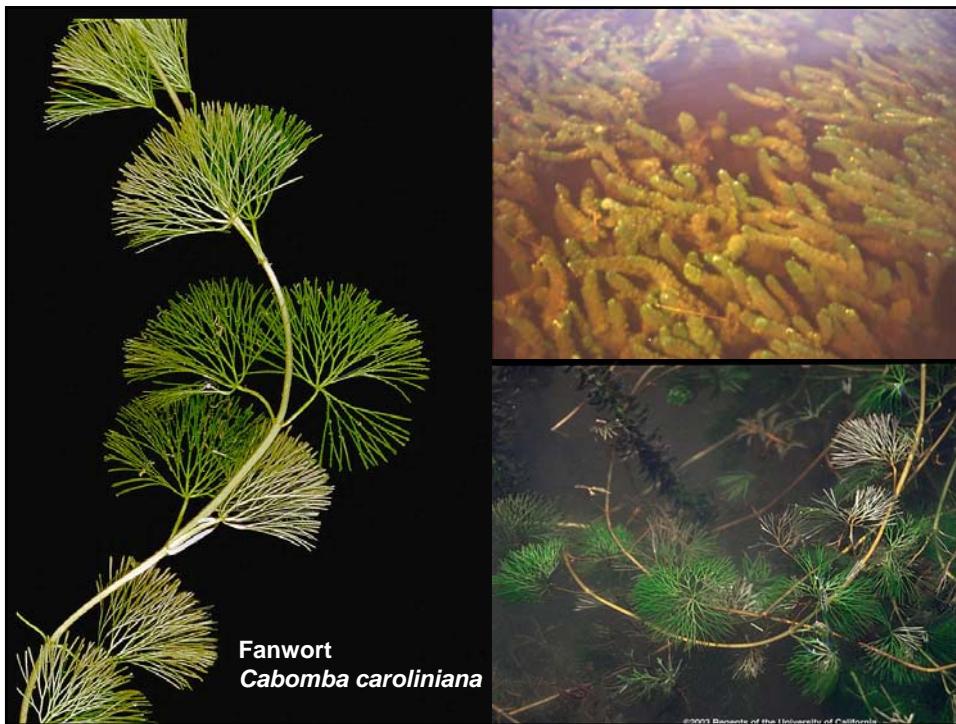
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Parrotfeather
Myriophyllum aquaticum



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Fanwort
Cabomba caroliniana



Potamogeton crispus

(Curly-leaf pondweed)

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Egeria densa



Similarities in the Hydrocharitaceae make detection difficult



Hydrilla verticillata



Lagarosiphon major

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Azolla filiculoides / A. mexicana



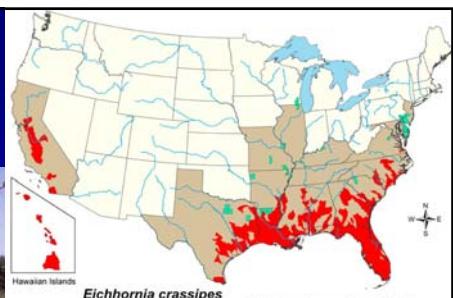
A. pinnata
Federally listed noxious weed



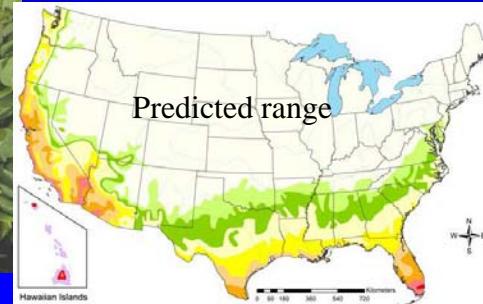
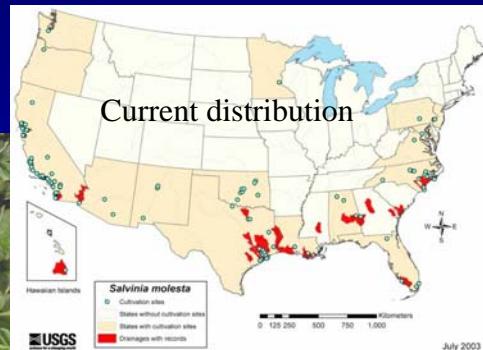
Trapa natans (Water chestnut)



Eichhornia crassipes



Salvinia molesta



Nymphaea odorata





Reed canarygrass
Phalaris arundinacea





Cordgrasses - *Spartina alterniflora*, *S. densiflora*,
S. anglica, *S. patens*



Oregon's *Spartina* Response Plan



The collage includes several images and text snippets:

- A "Thank you've seen Spartina in Oregon?" card with a list of reasons to report sightings.
- A "Don't let invasive cordgrasses get a foothold in Oregon!" card with a phone number (1-866-INVADER).
- A "Report suspect sites to Oregon Department of Agriculture Nonindigenous Species Program 503-986-4621" card.
- A photograph of a wetland area labeled "Invasive Cordgrasses".
- A "Spartina species ESTUARINE INVADERS!" card.
- A "SPARTINA DISPERSAL STUDY CARD" with contact information.
- A child standing by a beach holding a "SPARTINA DISPERSAL STUDY CARD".
- A close-up of small plants growing in pots.
- A person wearing a yellow hat looking through binoculars at a wetland.
- A photograph of a river or estuary with a forested background.

Collaboration with USGS on NAS Database



The collage includes:

- The Nonindigenous Aquatic Species (NAS) logo featuring sea turtle, fish, and coral icons.
- A list of tasks:
 - Entering new occurrence records – updating records for the PNW & nationwide
 - Sending out NAS Alerts
 - Creating/updating fact sheets
 - Adding photos & references
- A photograph of a pond filled with yellow water lilies.
- A "NAS Alert System" interface showing a map of the United States with red and blue shaded areas, and a legend for "Nonnative Range", "Established", and "Local record". A note says "Interactive map: Continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, Caribbean".
- A photograph of a plant labeled "Araea cana Anderss.".
- A photograph of a plant labeled "Levist J. Malme/HB&N (right)".
- Text about *Aracea cana*:

Ecology: available through [USGS](#)

Identification: It is a perennial, rhizomatous grass with unexpanded stems that can grow up to 2.5 m tall. Leaf sheaths have prominent, visible transverse veins, and are closed to near the top. The unexpanded, membranous ligules are 1.2–0.6 mm long, smooth and obtuse in shape. Leaf blades are flat, 20–40 cm long and 0.8–0.2 cm wide, with the ligule near the base. Inflorescences are branched panicles, 10–20 cm long, with many spikelets throughout the flower spikes. The spikelets are bisexual. The inflorescence is a panicle. The inflorescence can be open (chaenopodium) or contracted and symmetrical. The inflorescence branches have short, stiff hair similar to those on the leaf margins.
- Credit: C. Miller, ODA

Impacts			
	acres	\$	\$/acre
Current weeds			
Yellowstar thistle	1873407	3,416,849	1.82
Knapweedds	3622380	6,083,434	1.68
Leafy spurge	12700	44,328	3.49
White top/Perennical			
pepper weed	2322187	94,577,672	40.73
Scotch thistle	1011134	1,896,577	1.88
Med. Sage	1275077	837,666	0.66
hawkweeds	600	575	0.96
Tansy ragwort	3260000	5,826,638	1.79
Rush			
skeletonweed	2000000	4,605,000	2.30
Scotch broom	16000000	14,221,200	0.89
Gorse	300000	297,261	0.99
Purple loosestrife	3646	1,482,695	406.66
Egeria	90000	3,538,860	39.32
Potential invaders			
Spartina	12800	8,525,584	666.06

From: Economic Analysis of Containment Programs, Damages, and Production Losses from Noxious Weeds in Oregon
(ODA 2001)

What is Needed

- Management
 - Surveys for Early Detection!
 - Rapid Response Plan for New Invaders
 - Hydrilla and Spartina Response Plans
 - Whole-basin Perspective on Milfoil Management
- Research
 - Nontarget Impacts of Chemical and Nonchemical Management Efforts
 - Nonchemical alternatives for management
 - Ongoing work in Lk Roosevelt
 - Biology and Ecology
 - What can we expect in 20 years with climate change?

The End

