

## Identifying Eurasian Water Milfoil

Eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) is an invasive, non-native, aquatic plant. Though Cascade has no regulatory obligations to control milfoil in Lake Tapps reservoir, it will continue to manage it. Cascade does not treat native plants.

Eurasian water milfoil is native to Eurasia and Africa, but is now found on all continents but Australia and Antarctica. The leaves of milfoil are submerged, and grow in whorls of four, with many thread-like leaf-lets. This plant can grow from broken-off stems and can spread quickly, creating dense mats that crowd out native plants and inhibit recreational activity in the water.



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