

# Invasive specs

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# Curly Leaf Pondweed

curled pondweed or curly-leaf pondweed, is a species of aquatic plant native to Eurasia but an introduced species and often a noxious weed in North America.



# Where is it?

In Minnesota, Curly-leaf pondweed has caused problems in lakes by producing extensive mats in 3 to 10 feet of water. The plant is often a problem in lakes with low water clarity, mid-summer Secchi depths of three feet or less. Curly-leaf pondweed has not caused extensive problems in every body of water where it is established.

# Where did it come from

Curly-leaf pondweed is native to Eurasia, Africa, and Australia. It was likely introduced when common carp were intentionally introduced into Midwest waters as a game fish in the 1880s. The species was likely spread through the movement of watercraft and water-related equipment.



# What does it look like?????

Curly-leaf is similar in appearance to many native pondweeds commonly found in Minnesota waters. It can be distinguished from other pondweeds by its unique life cycle. It is generally the first pondweed to come up in spring and dies in mid-summer. Leaves have undulating and finely serrated edges.

# Looks like: Eurasian watermilfoil

The milfoil is more tree like and is not leafy. It is like a small fur tree. Pond WEED is leafy and bigger.



# Where?

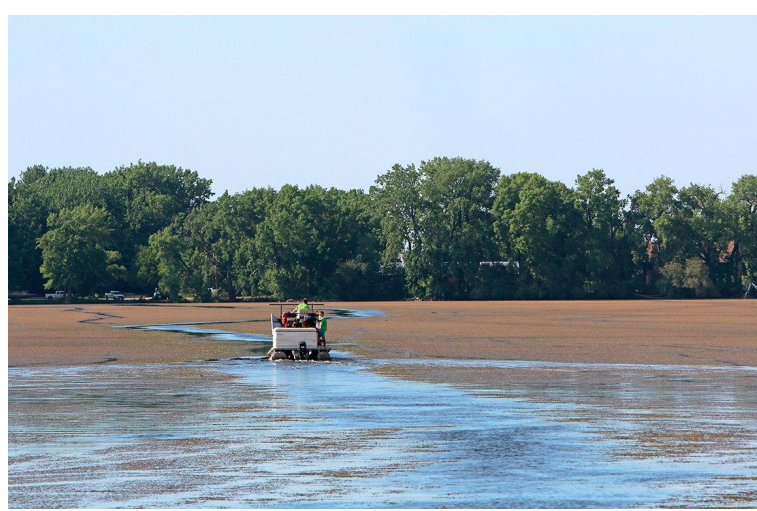
The most important action is to remove all vegetation from your watercraft before you move it from one body of water to another. Curly-leaf pondweed is known to be present in more than 750 lakes in 70 of the 87 counties in Minnesota.



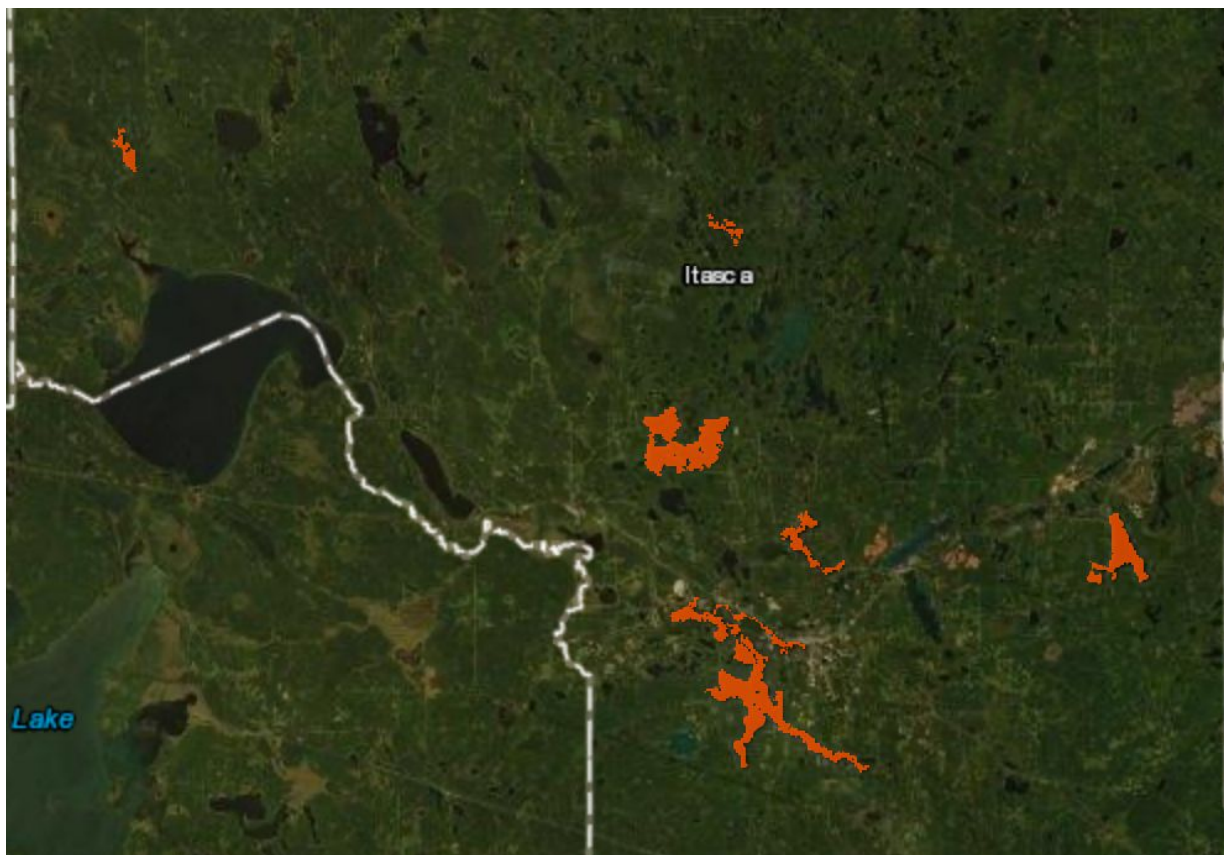


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What lakes have it???



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