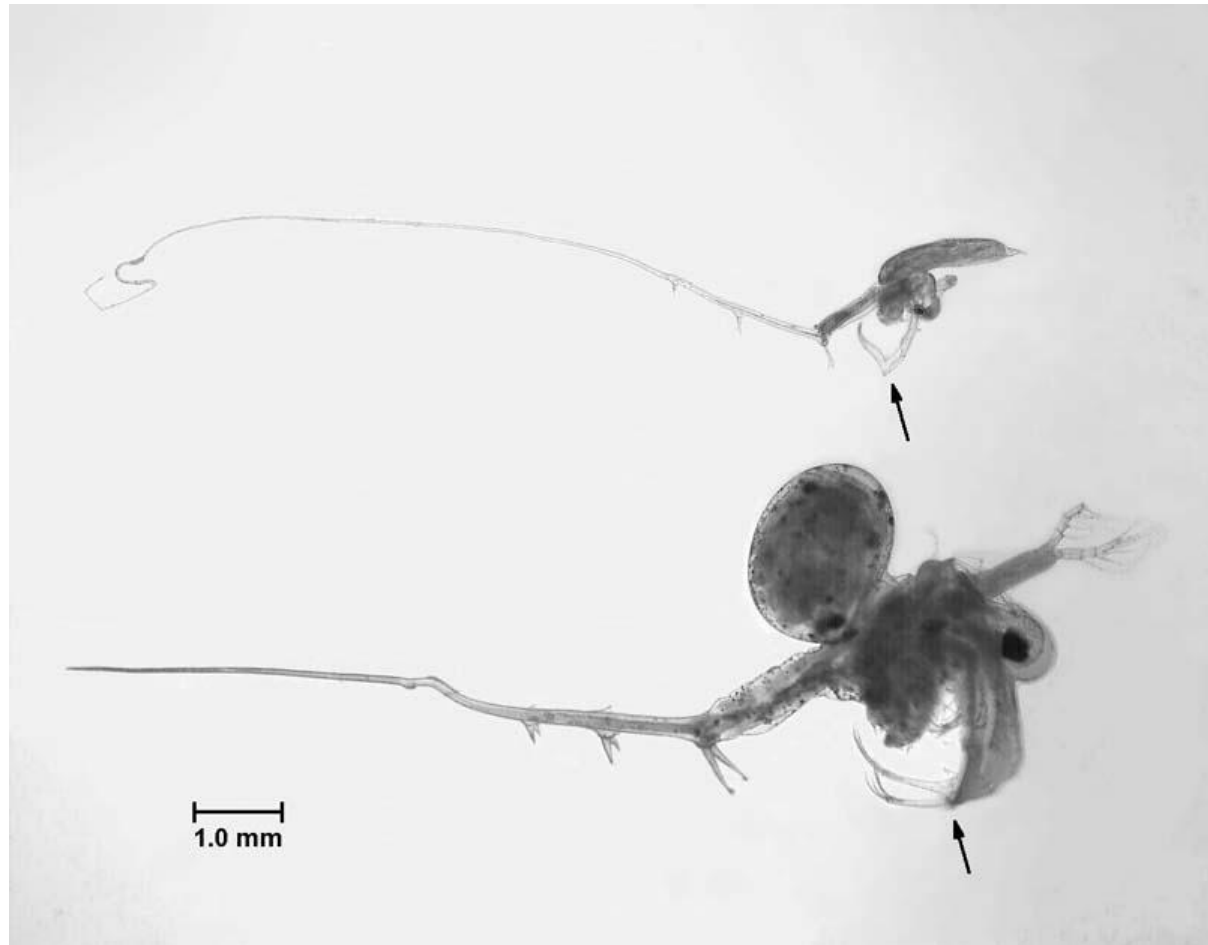


The Spiny Waterflea

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The Spiny Waterflea...

It is a planktonic crustacean less than 15 millimetres long. It has a weird looking tail and it's head is like balls connected to each other.



Where it's found.

Mostly in big freshwater lakes like the big lakes are a big issue with them.



Where they are found in MN.

They are found in Lake Superior, lake vermillion, island lake, and lake of the woods.



Where they came from.

The Spiny Waterflea originally came from Europe and Asia which somehow ended up in Lake Superior first and them spread so on.



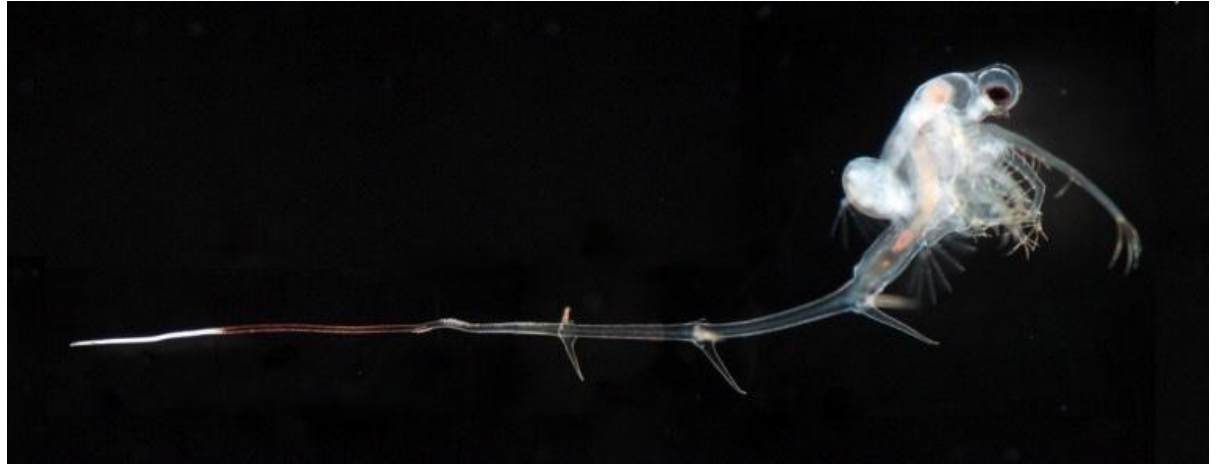
Why I chose this.

I chose this certain one because it looked wicked and it's name was unique and I thought it was interesting.

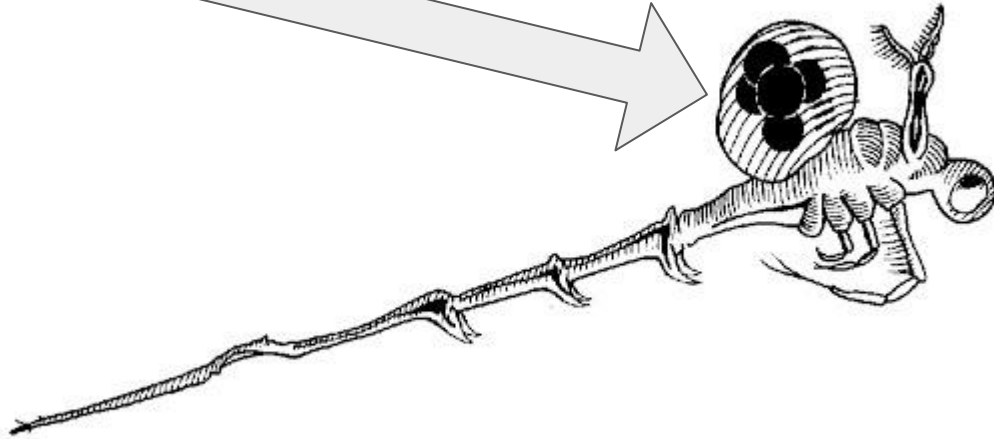


Why is it invasive?

The Spiny Waterflea is invasive because they eat smaller, native zooplankton that are important food for both small crustaceans and native fish such as perch. In some lakes, they have eliminated native zooplankton from the food chain, causing serious declines in native fish populations.



The spiny Waterflea has its eggs above its head. Which I think is awkward because it exposes their eggs.





They also disrupt fishermen

