

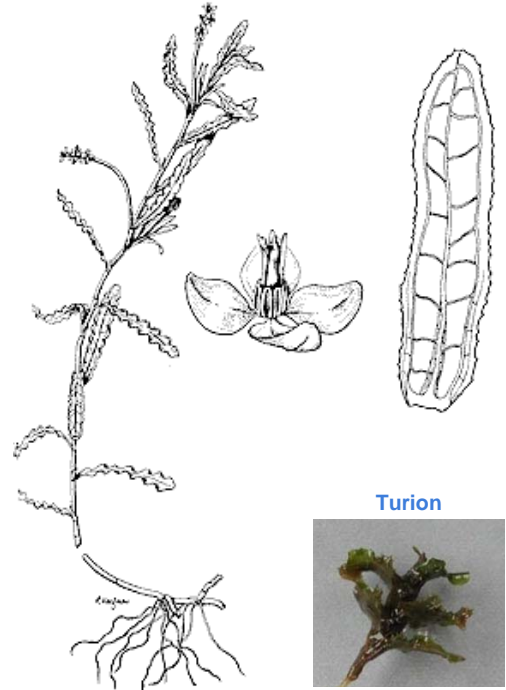
Potamogeton crispus **Exotic***

COMMON NAMES:
 CURLY LEAF PONDWEED
 CRISPY LEAVED
 PONDWEED

ORIGIN: EXOTIC*
 ASIA, AFRICA, AND
 EUROPE FOUND
 THROUGHOUT LAKE
 COUNTY AND ILLINOIS

IMPORTANCE:
 INVASIVE: HAS A
 TOLERANCE FOR LOW
 LIGHT AND WATER
 TEMPERATURES THAT
 ALLOW THE PLANT TO GET
 A HEAD START ON NATIVE
 PLANTS. BY MID SUMMER
 WHEN MOST AQUATIC
 PLANTS ARE GROWING,
 CURLYLEAF PLANTS ARE
 DYING OFF. WHICH MAY
 RESULT IN A CRITICAL
 LOSS OF DISSOLVED
 OXYGEN AND AN INCREASE
 IN NUTRIENTS.

LOOK ALIKES:
 NONE



KEY FEATURES:

STEM: ARE FLATTENED, BRANCHED, CAN FORM DENSE STANDS IN WATER UP TO 15 FEET DEEP.

LEAF: ALTERNATE ALL SUBMERSED, OBLONG, STIFF, TRANSLUCENT LEAVES HAVE DISTINCTLY WAVY EDGES WITH FINE TEETH AND 3 MAIN VEINS.

FLOWER: TINY, WITH 4 PETAL-LIKE LOBES. IN SPIKES 1-3CM LONG ON STALKS UP TO 7CM LONG. (MAY SEE TURIONS WHICH OVER WINTERS AS A HARD, BROWN, BUR-LIKE BUD WITH CROWDED, SMALL HOLLY-LIKE LEAVES).

Attention Shoreline Property Owners!

An Invasive Species of Pondweed is Present in Large Quantities in Forest Lake

Please manually remove as much of this weed as possible and dispose of in your trash/yard waste.

Curly-leaf pond weed will complete its reproduction process and begin to die-off by the end of June. This will result in larger quantities next year and algae blooms this year. Please remove it before it's too late!

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