

# INVASIVE SPECIES

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## EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL

### CHARACTERISTICS:

- Whorls (circles) of four delicate feather-like leaves around stem
- Usually 12 to 21 leaflet pairs per leaf
- Emerges mid-spring as the water warms
- Requires abundant sunlight and prefers nutrient-rich soil



**Spreads primarily via fragmentation;**  
**any piece of plant stem that includes a node can grow a new plant.**

### PREVENT THE SPREAD:

**Clean, Drain, Dry** – after exiting a waterway, clean *all* equipment, drain *all* water, and dry *anything* that came in contact with water;

**Don't Fragment** – don't plow through weedy areas; don't tear plants in the process of removing them.

**Remove 'em from the watershed!** – if you pull weeds onto your dock, shoreline, motor, or oars, even when in the lake, *don't throw them back!*