

Priority Aquatic Invasive Plants in BC

If you spot any of these species please call 1-888-WEEDSBC, send an email to info@bcinvasives.ca, or report it to www.EFlora.bc.ca or www.iscmv.ca/report-a-weed

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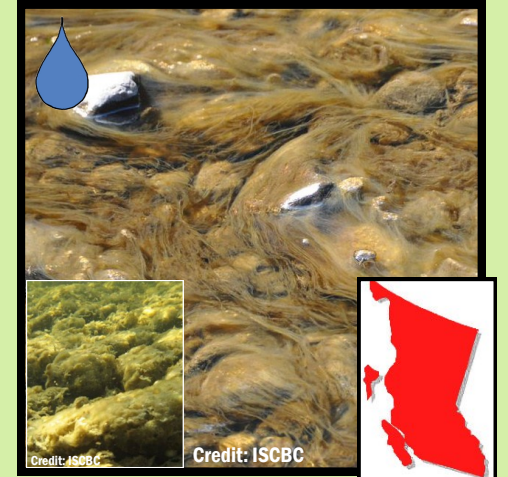
Common reed
(*Phragmites australis*)



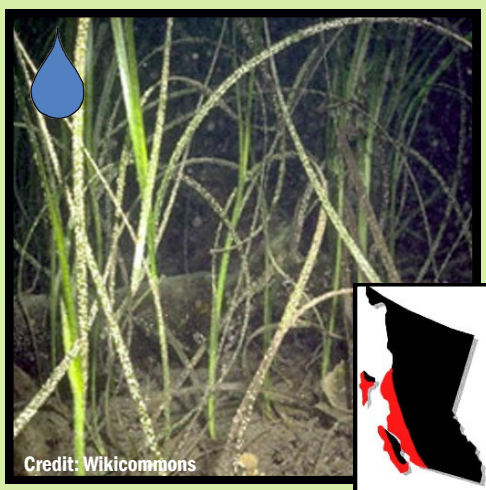
Cordgrass
(*Spartina* spp. (*S. anglica*, *S. densiflor*, *S. patens*))



Creeping Buttercup
(*Ranunculus repens* L.)



Didymo
(*Didymosphenia geminata*)



Dwarf eelgrass
(*Zostera japonica*)



Eurasian watermilfoil
(*Myriophyllum spicatum*)



Giant hogweed
(*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)



Japanese knotweed
(*Polygonum cuspidatum*)



Japanese wireweed
(*Sargassum muticum*)



Parrotfeather
(*Myriophyllum aquaticum*)



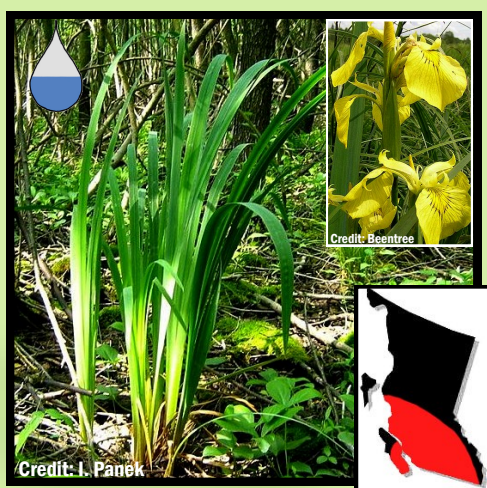
Policeman's helmet
(*Impatiens glandulifera*)



Purple loosestrife
(*Lythrum salicaria* L.)



Reed canary grass
(*Phalaris arundinacea*)



Yellow flag iris
(*Iris pseudacorus*)

Common Paths of Invasion

- Through vehicles such as aircrafts, ATVs, recreation & commercial boats, and large ships with ballast water.
- Transportation of wildlife, forest products, topsoil, and water.
- Improper disposal. Never dispose of invasives in your compost. Always bag and incinerate.
- Some invasives are used as garden decoration. Please restrict from purchasing known invasive plants.
- Environmental change. Invasives are capable of quickly spreading all on their own, especially in the absence of predators and pathogens.
- Climate change. A warming climate will offer invasives with a wide range of suitable habitats, particularly in areas of higher elevation.



Riparian Habitats
(Grasslands, woodlands & forests around rivers)



Wetland Habitats
(Swamps, marshes, bogs, fens, saturated land)



Submerged Habitats
(Lakes and ponds with underwater vascular plants)



Reported sightings



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Early Detection Aquatic Invasive Plants in BC

Early detection plants may not be present or widespread in BC but they have the potential to be a future threat and a rapid response may help to reduce its spread. Please call 1-888-WEEDSBC, email info@bcinvasives.ca, or report it to www.EFlora.bc.ca or www.iscmv.ca/report-a-weed
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Brazilian elodea
(*Egeria densa*)



Buckhorn's plantain
(*Plantago coronopus*)



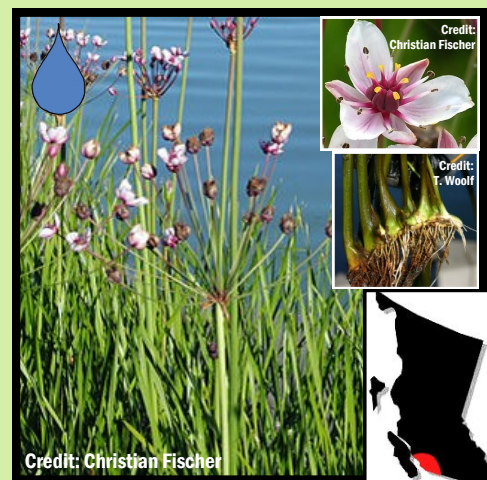
Caulerpa
(*Caulerpa taxifolia*)



Cordgrass
(*Spartina alterniflora*)



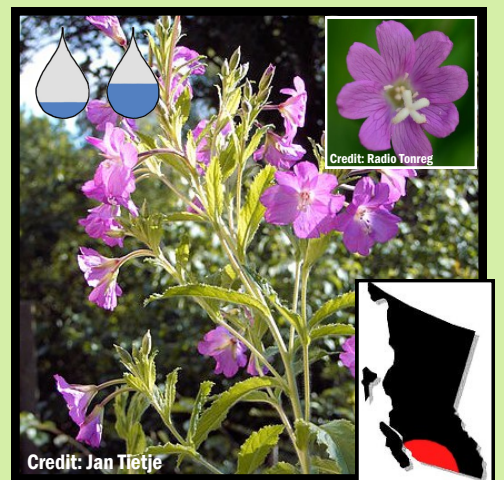
Fanwort
(*Cabomba aquatica*)



Flowering rush
(*Butomus umbellatus*)



Giant reed
(*Arundo donax*)



Hairy willow herb
(*Epilobium hirsutum*)



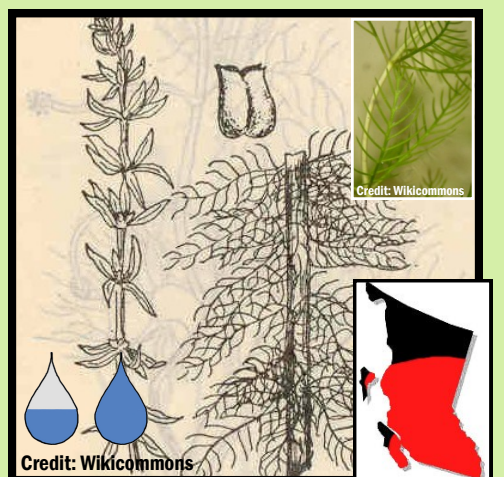
Hanging sedge
(*Carex pendula*)



Hydrilla
(*Hydrilla verticillata*)



Swollen bladderwort
(*Utricularia inflata*)



Variable-leaf milfoil
(*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*)



Wakame
(*Undaria pinnatifida*)



Water primrose
(*Ludwigia hexapetala*)



Yellow nut sedge
(*Cyperus esculentus*)

Cleaning Your Gear

- Check all equipment. Remove all plants, plant fragments, mud & other debris.
- Drain every item that can hold water.
- Dump unused bait into the trash.
- Use hot water (60°C) to clean gear.
- Dry gear for 48 hours before entering new water bodies.
- Soak gear in bleach solution (3 ounces of bleach per 1 gallon of water) for a least one minute. If you don't have bleach, use pure white vinegar for 20 minutes.

For more info & tips please visit:
<http://www.bcinvasives.ca/you-can-help/prevention-tips>



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