

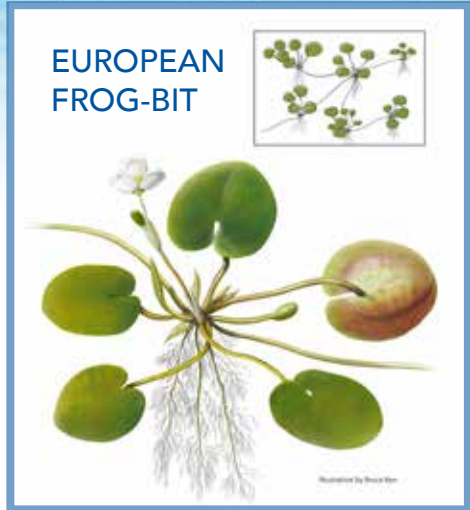


Ducks don't like this!

Invasive European frog-bit

This fast-spreading aquatic plant has been found in inland waters in Michigan. To date, it has been identified in:

- West Michigan: Lower Grand River, Pentwater, Reeds and Fisk lakes.
- Mid-Michigan: Waterloo State Rec. Area and Dansville State Game Area.
- Oakland County: various locations.



Why be concerned?

Thick mats of European frog-bit on the water's surface can:

- Affect the movement of diving ducks and hunting dogs.
- Become tangled in boat motors.
- Limit food sources for ducks and fish.

What can you do?

To comply with Michigan law and prevent the spread of European frog-bit:

- CLEAN:** Remove all vegetation and debris from boats, trailers, gear (even dogs!) before leaving a launch site.
- DRAIN:** Remove all plugs and drain water from bilges, ballast tanks and live wells.
- DRY:** Allow boats, trailers and gear to dry thoroughly before using them in a different water body.

Thick mat of frog-bit



Overgrowth



Spread by turions/plant parts



Leaf size



Clean dog



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