MORE WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Build your water garden away from waterways and flood-prone areas.
- Rinse plants before planting to remove animals, eggs and other plants or plant parts.
- Weed out uninvited plants.
- Seal unwanted plants in a plastic bag and place them in the trash. If possible, freeze the bag before disposal.
- Never release plants or animals into waterways.

IANY PLANTS AVAILABLE TO WATER GARDENERS ARE INVASIVE

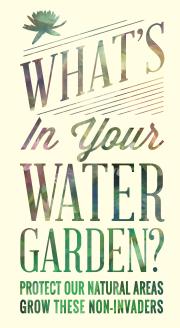
If introduced into our waterways -either accidentally or intentionallythey can reduce the amount of food available to fish and wildlife and change how ecosystems function.

They can also cost millions to eradicate or control.

Growing only non-weedy or regionally native plants is one way you can help protect our natural areas from aquatic invaders. For more information on water gardens and aquatic invaders in the marketplace (AIM), visit www.TakeAIM.org/card



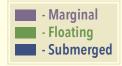
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GROW THESE NON-INVADERS

Asclepias incarnata (swamp milkweed) Caltha palustris (marsh marigold) Decodon verticillatus (swamp loosestrife) Glyceria canadensis (rattlesnake manna grass) Hibiscus moscheutos (crimsoneyed rosemallow) Iris versicolor (blue flag iris) Juncus effusus (soft rush) Justicia americana (American water-willow) Liatris spicata (dense blazing star) Lobelia cardinalis (cardinal flower) Mimulus ringens (Allegheny monkey flower) Orontium aquaticum (golden club) Peltandra virginica (green arrow arum) Pontederia cordata (pickerelweed) Sagittaria latifolia (broadleaf arrowhead) Saururus cernuus (lizard's tail) Schoenoplectus pungens (common three-square) Sparganium eurycarpum (great bur-reed) Lemna minor (common duckweed) Nelumbo lutea (American lotus) Nuphar advena (spatterdock) Nymphaea odorata (fragrant water lily) Ceratophyllum demersum (hornwort) Elodea canadensis (American waterweed) Potamogeton pectinatus (sago pondweed)

AVOID THESE INVADERS



Acorus calamus (European sweetflag) Alternanthera philoxeroides (alligatorweed) Butomus umbellatus (flowering rush) Glyceria maxima (reed manna grass) Houttuynia cordata (chameleon plant) Iris pseudacorus (yellow flag iris) Lythrum salicaria (purple loosestrife) Marsilea quadrifolia (European waterclover) Nasturtium officinale (watercress) Phragmites australis (common reed) Stratiotes aloides (water soldier) Typha angustifolia (narrowleaf cattail) Aponogeton distachyos (cape pondweed) Callitriche stagnalis (pond water-starwort) Hydrocharis morsus-ranae (European frogbit) Nymphoides cristata (crested floating heart) Nymphoides peltata (yellow floating heart) Egeria densa (anacharis) Limnophila sessiliflora (dwarf ambulia) Myriophyllum aquaticum (parrot feather) Myriophyllum spicatum (Eurasian watermilfoil) Najas minor (brittle waternymph) Potamogeton crispus (curlyleaf pondweed)