

A GUIDE TO AQUATIC PLANTS IN COPAKE LAKE

Copake Lake is home to a number of **native, desirable plants** that are good for the ecology of the lake and the well-being of its fish and wildlife. However, in Copake Lake there are also **non-**

native, invasive plants. These plants can destroy the ecology of the lake by spreading and choking out our desirable plants and eventually interfering with swimming, fishing, and boating. >>>

NATIVE (DESIRABLE) PLANTS

These plants are desirable for the well-being of Copake Lake.

Waterweed *Elodea nutalli*



Bushy Pondweed *Najas guadalupensis*



Common elodea *Elodea Canadensis*



Slender naiad *Najas flexilis*



Pondweeds *Potamogeton pusillus*



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The CLCS Education Committee hopes that by using information about the weeds in Copake Lake as well as these pictures, each of our members can make informed decisions

about the growth of weeds and proper removal of weeds in their immediate area.

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NON-NATIVE (INVASIVE) PLANTS

If you find any of these plants it is best to pull them out by the roots, bag them, and discard.

Avoid tearing parts of the plant as many of them can re-grow from fragments.

CLCS is removing many of these invasive weeds through its spot chemical treatments.

Curly-leaf pondweed *Potamogeton crispus*



Najas minor



Eurasian water milfoil *Myriophyllum spicatum*



Water chestnut *Trapa natans*



Leaves



Fruit



Be on the
lookout for
these
invasive
plants!