

# What's in your pond?

# POND CHECK



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Send an image of your pond invaders for a **FREE** pond check

Does your pond have these plants?



Parrot's feather  
*Myriophyllum aquaticum*



Curly waterweed  
*Lagarosiphon major*



Creeping water primrose  
*Ludwigia grandiflora/peploides*



New Zealand pygmy weed  
*Crassula helmsii*



Large-flowered waterweed  
*Egeria densa*



Floating pennywort  
*Hydrocotyle ranunculoides*

**Some plants can cause serious problems both in your pond and if they escape into the countryside. If you think you have these plants send us an image and we can advise you on how to manage them.**

**email: [pondcheck@cornwt.demon.co.uk](mailto:pondcheck@cornwt.demon.co.uk)**

**text: POND to 60300 followed by your name, postcode and image (messages charged at your standard network rate)**



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helping protect wildlife from invasive species

# HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF NON-NATIVE POND PLANTS



## Why are these plants a problem?

Not all non-native species are harmful, but some can have a detrimental effect if they escape into the countryside. They are often more vigorous than native species and lack natural pests and diseases to keep them in check. They can out-compete native plants to form dense mats choking up natural water bodies, deoxygenating water and limiting access. Their rapid growth can block watercourses and increase the risk of flooding. Substantial amounts of money are spent annually managing non-native invasive species on waterways, ponds and lakes. The smallest fragment, inadvertently spread, can cause an invasion.

## What action can you take?

 **CHECK YOUR POND.** If you think you have these plants in your pond or any others that are invading send us a photo of your whole pond and a clear image of each of the plants you are concerned about.

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text POND to 60300 followed by your name postcode and image. Alternatively fill out the online survey form at [www.ercis.co.uk/projects/investigate\\_invasives/pondcheck/](http://www.ercis.co.uk/projects/investigate_invasives/pondcheck/)

 Please **DO NOT BUY THESE SPECIES.** They may be sold under different names so check with the supplier if you are not sure. Use native plants. For a list of good plants for garden ponds see website

 Please dispose of these plants by composting or burning.

**DO NOT** let them escape from your garden and don't dump them in the wild. **DO NOT** transfer any plants or animals including frogspawn between ponds as this can spread invasive species.

 Please do not give surplus pond plants away to friends

For more information on these species and how to identify them visit [www.ercis.co.uk/projects/investigate\\_invasives/pondcheck/](http://www.ercis.co.uk/projects/investigate_invasives/pondcheck/) or contact Lisa 01872 240 777 ext 242