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Invasive Aquatic Plants

Today on Gardening in a Minute: invasive aquatic plants.

Invasive plants are a problem all over Florida, even in the water! They can choke waterways, preventing swimming, fishing, and boating, and can reduce plant and animal diversity.

Water hyacinth has been a problem for more than 100 years. This floating plant with lavender flowers is one of the fastest growing plants in the world.

Water lettuce is also a fast-growing invasive plant. As its name suggests, it looks like a floating, open head of lettuce.

Hydrilla was sold in stores as an aquarium plant for years. This underwater plant now infests tens of thousands of acres.

Controlling aquatic invasives costs millions of dollars each year. To help prevent their spread, learn to identify them, and never release aquatic plants from your water garden into a natural body of water!

For more information on invasive plants, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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