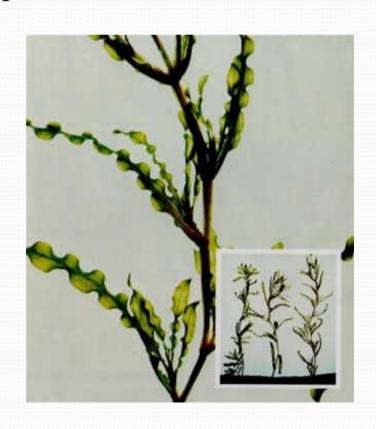
# **STOP Invasive Species**

In Grindstone Lake

### Aquatic and Wetland Invasives

- Curly Leaf Pondweed (The LEAF O NATER)
  - Probably came here as an aquarium plant
  - Grows up to 6' long
  - Problem because:
    - Creates mats that make boating and swimming challenging.
    - Super-grower and mobs other plants.
    - Dies off mid-summer, releasing nutrients that lead to algal blooms.

Look for it in early spring – dies off by Mid-July.

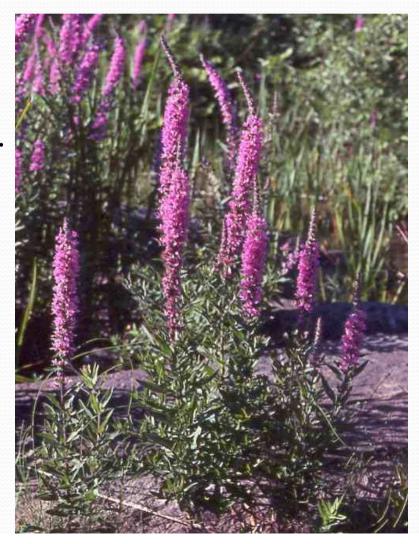


Aquatic and Wetland Invasives

- Eurasian Water Milfoil
  - Came through the aquarium trade
  - 6 to 9' long
  - Competes with other aquatic
    plants by blocking sunlight and and crowding them out.
  - Creates a mess in boat motors.
  - Washes up on beaches making a mess.
  - Reproduces from small fragments.

#### Aquatic and Wetland Invasives

- Purple Loosestrife
  - Came in ship's ballast and also as a medicinal herb.
  - Produces up to 2 million seeds anually.
  - Crowds out native plants, creating a mono-culture.



#### **Terrestrial Invasives**

- Garlic Mustard
  - Displaces woodland flowers
  - Many seeds per plant
  - Spreads into high quality forest areas.
  - Cutting at ground level effective.



## If you see these invasives

Alert a board member.



• Remove the invasive, if possible.





