

INVASIVE SPECIES AND YOUR BUSINESS

JOIN US IN PROTECTING MINNESOTA WATERS | **SELL ONLY LOW-RISK SPECIES AND HELP TO PREVENT RELEASES AND ESCAPES**

The **invasive plants and animals pictured here** have been documented in the pet and aquarium trades and are illegal to possess or sell in Minnesota. Invasive species are non-native species that present risks to Minnesota's fish, wildlife and plant communities, water quality and recreation or human health. Please note, this is not a complete list of species that are illegal to possess or sell.

DO NOT OFFER THESE SPECIES FOR SALE AT YOUR BUSINESS!

AQUATIC PLANTS ► Visit dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/pet-and-aquarium-businesses.html for a complete list.

Indian swampweed, dwarf hygrophila
(*Hygrophila polysperma*)



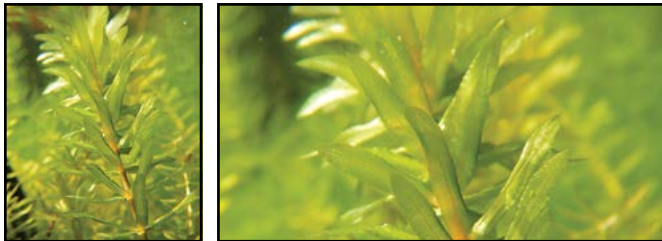
Giant salvinia
(*Salvinia molesta*)



Brittle naiad
(*Najas minor*)



Hydrilla
(*Hydrilla verticillata*)



Water soldier, water aloe
(*Stratiotes aloides*)



Please remind your customers not to release aquarium pets and plants into the wild!

Remember: It is illegal to release most non-native animals and plants into a free-living state in Minnesota.



PHOTO CREDITS

Indian swampweed, dwarf hygrophila – U.S. Geological Survey
Giant salvinia – Vic Ramey, UF/IFAS Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants
Brittle naiad – Mark Warman
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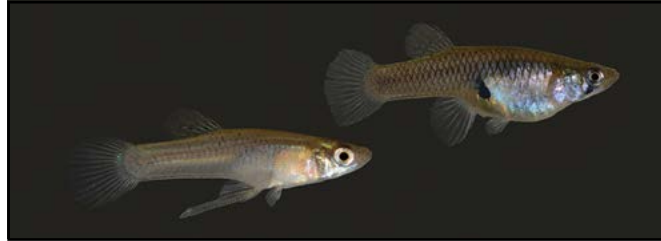
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FISH, CRAYFISH AND INVERTEBRATES ► Visit dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/pet-and-aquarium-businesses.html for a complete list.

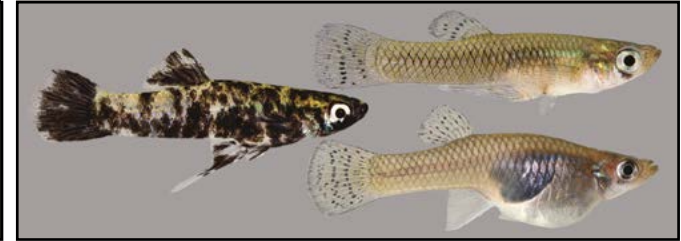
Oriental weatherfish, pond loach, dojo loach
(*Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*)



Western mosquitofish
(*Gambusia affinis*)



*Eastern mosquitofish
(*Gambusia holbrooki*)



Stone moroko
(*Pseudorasbora parva*)



Northern snakehead
(*Channa argus*), **Channa* spp. and *Parachanna* spp.



*Nile perch, Victoria perch, African snook
(*Lates niloticus*)



Wels catfish, sheatfish (*Silurus glanis*)



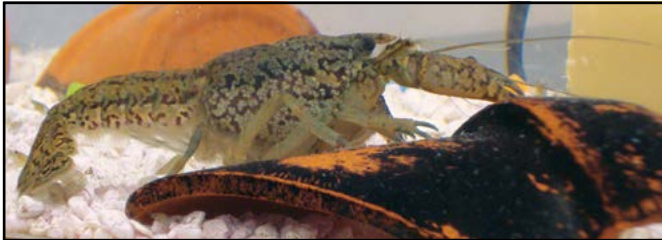
*Walking catfish (*Clarias batrachus*)



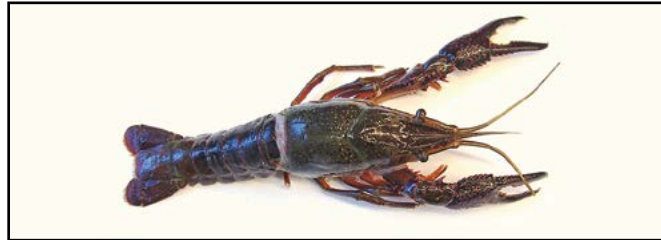
Yabby, yabbie (*Cherax destructor*)



*Marbled crayfish, marmokrebs (*Procambarus virginalis* or *Procambarus fallax* forma *virginalis*)



Red swamp crayfish, Louisiana crawfish
(*Procambarus clarkii*)



*Golden clam
(*Corbicula fluminea*)



*While eastern mosquitofish, snakehead fishes in addition to northern snakehead (*Channa* and *Parachanna* spp.), Nile perch/Victoria perch/African snook, walking catfish, marbled crayfish/marmokrebs and golden clam are not yet illegal to possess and sell, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is proposing to classify them as such.

PHOTO CREDITS

Oriental weatherfish, pond loach, dojo loach – Zachary Randall, Florida Museum, UF 236274 | Western mosquitofish – Brian Zimmerman
Eastern mosquitofish – Zachary Randall, Florida Museum, UF 238434, 235876, 238435 | Northern snakehead – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | Nile perch, Victoria perch, African snook – © Andrew Nightingale
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