

# 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 horticulture trade 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!**

**FISH, CRAYFISH AND INVERTEBRATES** ► Visit [dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/horticultural-businesses.html](http://dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/horticultural-businesses.html) for a complete list.

Grass carp, white amur  
(*Ctenopharyngodon idella*)



Western mosquitofish  
(*Gambusia affinis*)



\*Eastern mosquitofish  
(*Gambusia holbrooki*)



Eurasian minnow  
(*Phoxinus phoxinus*)



\*Golden clam  
(*Corbicula fluminea*)



\*Jumping worms  
(*Amyntas* spp. and *Metaphire* spp.)



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



**Please remind your customers not to release non-native plants and animals into the wild!**

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



\*While eastern mosquitofish, golden clam and jumping worms are not yet illegal to possess and sell, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is proposing to classify them as such.

PHOTO CREDITS

Grass carp, white amur – U.S. Geological Survey  
Western mosquitofish – Brian Zimmerman

Eastern mosquitofish – Zachary Randall, Florida Museum, UF 238434, 235876, 238435

Jumping worms – University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum

Red swamp crayfish, Louisiana crayfish – Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center

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**AQUATIC PLANTS** ▶ Visit [dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/horticultural-businesses.html](http://dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/horticultural-businesses.html) for a complete list.

African oxygen weed, African elodea  
(*Lagarosiphon major*)



Curly-leaf pondweed  
(*Potamogeton crispus*)



Eurasian watermilfoil  
(*Myriophyllum spicatum*)



European frog-bit  
(*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*)



Giant salvinia  
(*Salvinia molesta*)



\*Yellow floating heart, fringed water lily  
(*Nymphoides peltata*)



Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*)



Water soldier, water aloe (*Stratiotes aloides*)



Water chestnut, water caltrop (*Trapa natans*)



Flowering rush, water gladiolus  
(*Butomus umbellatus*)



Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*, *Lythrum virgatum*, or any variety, hybrid, or cultivar thereof)



\*Common reed  
(*Phragmites australis* subsp. *australis*)



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