

Water Chestnut WATCH

Characteristics

- Annual Plant - overwinters by seed
- Grows to form dense mats
- Leaves are glossy and green
- Triangular leaves with toothed edges
- Feathery submerged leaves
- Plants produce large, green seeds with four sharp spines in summer
- Floating black nuts will not sprout

Report Any Sightings!

1-877-STOP-ANS

National Invasive Species Hotline

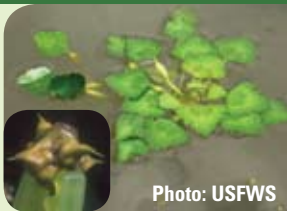


Photo: USFWS

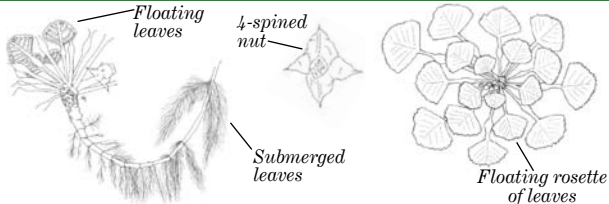


**STOP AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS!™**

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.
Clean all recreational equipment.

www.ProtectYourWaters.net

How to Identify Water Chestnut (*Trapa natans*)



Drawing/front inset Copyright 2002 University of Florida Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants

What you can do

- *Look for this non-native plant*
 - *Report all new sightings as soon as possible at 1-877-STOP-ANS*
 - *Inspect and remove aquatic plants from boat, motor, and trailer*
- (1-877-786-7267)

