

Water Chestnut

Trapa natans



General Description:

- Leaves: **Toothed edges and triangular shape**; form a rosette, green, glossy; the submerged leaves are feathery and whorled around the stem.
- Stem: Stems can be 12-15' long, hollow, air-filled, and cord-like.

Prominent Features:

- Leaves: Rosette of sharply toothed, triangular floating leaves forming a dense circular cluster at the water's surface.
- Fruits: Hard, **spiky nutlets** (“devil nuts”) underwater with sharp barbs. Green-brown in color.

How to Remove:

- Hand-pull the **entire** root system, ideally **earlier in the season** (less biomass to return to shore)
- Caution: Any activities in aquatic systems require a permit under your local bylaws. ***Speak to your local Conservation Commission before pulling.***

Look Alikes: None



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