

Have you found *Hydrilla verticillata*?

If you think so, please do the following steps carefully:

- Step 1. Collect 5 or 6 inches of the plant, include flowers and root and/or tubers if possible.
- Step 2. Shake the water off your specimen and place in a moistened paper towel or moistened sheet of newspaper. Place specimen and towel in a sealable plastic bag.
- Step 3. Complete the I.D. card.
- Step 4. Mail the I.D. card and sealed sample to the following address: Dr. Rob Richardson - Hydrilla Hunt
Box 7620
101 Derieux Place, Room 4401
Raleigh, N.C. 27695-7620

You will be contacted within a few weeks.
Thank you for helping protect North Carolina's waterways.

Join the HYDRILLA HUNT!

Hydrilla verticillata is invading North Carolina and it can overwhelm waterways after only a few growing seasons!

People play a critical role in detecting and reporting unknown (new) infestations. Early detection is critical! The longer hydrilla is allowed to grow the further it degrades our natural habitats. This is why we are continuing the hunt!

Please look for this plant in local lakes, ponds and streams during the summer and fall. Is hydrilla already in your favorite waterway? If you find hydrilla, please let us know. Complete this card and submit it along with a small sample (carefully follow the instructions on the back).

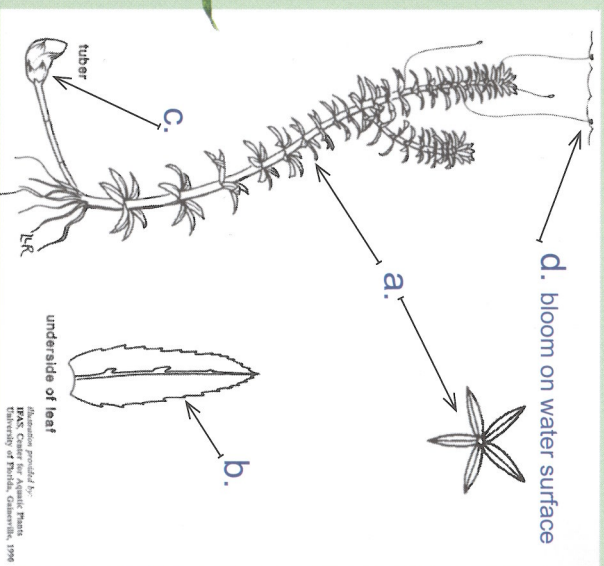


Invasive Plant Alert! Hydrilla

- a. 3 to 7 sets of leaves
- b. Leaves have serrated edges
- c. Tubers found in soil
- d. Hydrilla has a small white bloom in the fall.



For more information, visit www.ncwater.org



Hydrilla verticillata

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HYDRILLA HUNT I.D. CARD

Name _____ Date _____

Phone number during business hours _____

Email _____

Specimens were collected from _____ county.

Name of water body _____

The nearest access and/or crossroads are _____

