

✓ Look.

✓ Act.

✓ Protect.

Help stop freshwater pests in Victoria's waterways

It's everyone's responsibility to protect Victoria's waterways

Freshwater pests are non-native or native plants and animals that have been introduced into waterways where they do not naturally occur. They can be found in many waterways across Victoria, such as rivers, wetlands, channels, reservoirs and dams. They enter Victoria from other parts of the world or even other Australian waters. Freshwater pests can harm our environments and biodiversity and can have a big impact on people's lives and their livelihoods.

Freshwater pests can reproduce quickly and rapidly spread to new areas. They are very difficult and expensive to get rid of once in a waterway, so it's more effective to prevent their introduction and detect new freshwater pests as early as possible, to avoid potentially devastating consequences.

Community, industry and the Victorian Government are working together on freshwater biosecurity to protect and preserve our waterways for future generations.

Everyone can help stop freshwater pests by:

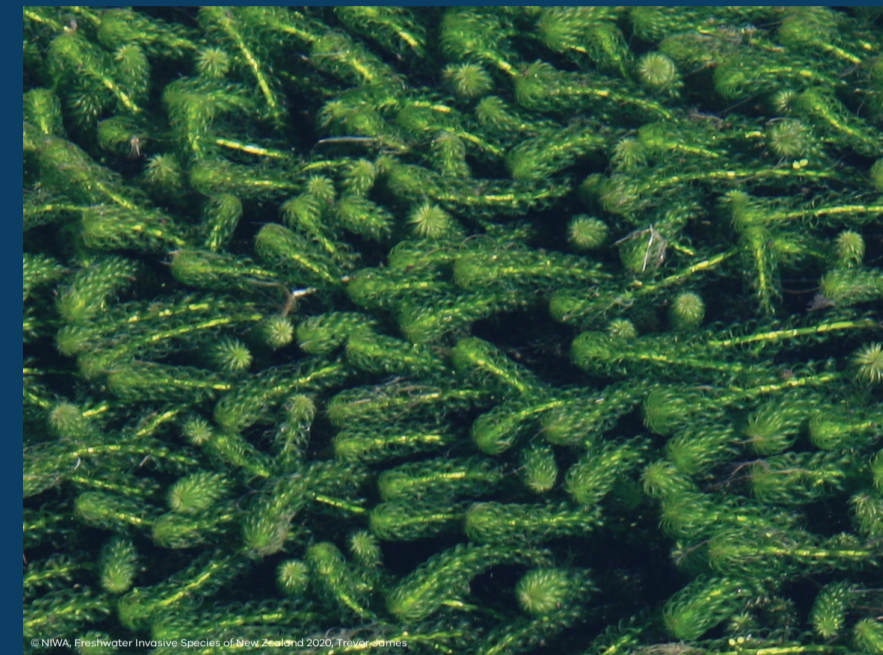
- Learning about our local native freshwater species and looking out for freshwater pests.
- Reporting suspected findings or sightings of freshwater pests to the Victorian Government.
- Adhering to rules in the Fisheries Act 1995 and Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994.
- Not moving plants and animals between waterways.
- Never returning freshwater pests to the water.



Alligator Weed
*Alternanthera philoxeroides**



Horsetails
*Equisetum species**



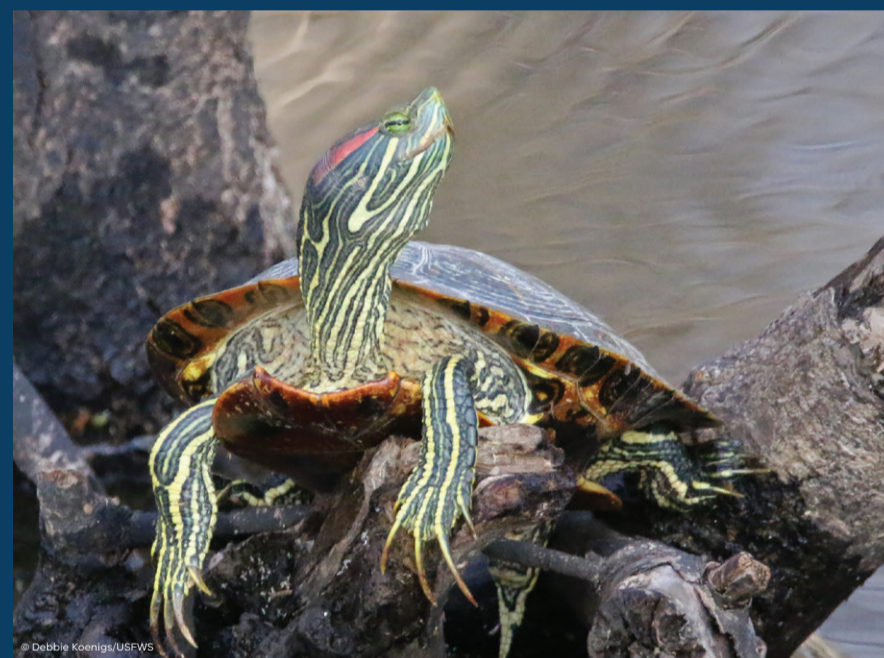
Lagarosiphon
*Lagarosiphon major**



Salvinia
*Salvinia molesta**



Water Hyacinth
*Eichhornia crassipes**



Red-eared Slider Turtle
Trachemys scripta elegans
‡Prohibited pest animal



Smooth Newt
Lissotriton vulgaris
‡Prohibited pest animal



Asian Black-spined Toad
Duttaphrynus melanostictus
‡Prohibited pest animal



Cane Toad
Rhinella marina
‡Prohibited pest animal



Red Claw Crayfish
Cherax quadricarinatus#



Snakehead
Channa species#



Alligator Gar
Atractosteus species#



Smooth Marron
Cherax cainii and **Hairy Marron**
Cherax tenuimanus#

How to report freshwater pests

Please report any unusual, strange or exotic plant or animal found or sighted in Victorian waterways to the Victorian Government, particularly if you suspect you've found or sighted a freshwater pest outside of its known location in Victoria. Phone the Victorian Government on **136 186**.

Further information

For further information about freshwater pests, please phone the Victorian Government on 136 186 or visit:

Agriculture Victoria

www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

www.delwp.vic.gov.au

Victorian Fisheries Authority

www.vfa.vic.gov.au



Common Carp
Cyprinus carpio#
Since widely established, please report if found outside its known location.



Eastern Gambusia
Gambusia holbrooki#
Since widely established, please report if found outside its known location.



Oriental Weatherloach
Misgurnus anguillicaudatus#

* Declared a state prohibited weed under the Victorian *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994*.

‡ Declared a prohibited, controlled or regulated pest animal under the Victorian *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994*.

Declared a noxious aquatic species under the Victorian *Fisheries Act 1995*. Occurrences of these declared species, in the wild or being illegally kept, should be reported to the Victorian Government.