

Have you seen this invasive plant?



Water Lettuce (*Pistia stratiotes*)

Water lettuce is a floating aquatic plant native to the tropics and has been spotted in Mattawoman Creek on the Potomac River. It is an invasive species that produces seeds and spreads rapidly. Once established, water lettuce can wipe out native bay grasses, lower dissolved oxygen by covering the water surface, prevent boating and fishing and create breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

If you have seen this species of floating aquatic vegetation, remove it when possible and contact Mark Lewandowski at 410-260-8634 or email mlewandowski@dnr.state.md.us

