

## PROTECT NEW YORK FROM INVASIVE SPECIES

### UNWANTED:

# Hydrilla verticillata

An invasive aquatic plant recently found in several counties, hydrilla could impact New York's fishing, boating, swimming, and waterfront property values. Early detection of hydrilla could save the state millions in control costs.

**HELP IDENTIFY THIS PLANT  
BEFORE POPULATIONS ARE  
TOO LARGE TO ERADICATE  
OR MANAGE**

Keep this card in your boat or tackle box and let us know right away if you think you've found hydrilla. To learn more about this plant, visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/104790.html>



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# HYDRILLA IDENTIFICATION

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- Whorls of more than 3 leaves
- Leaves often have visibly toothed edge
- Leaf vein often has small visible spines

Credit: Illustrations from Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants, University of Florida

**Notice the toothed edges and whorls of more than three leaves.**



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## Think you've found hydrilla?

Email us a picture of the plant stem against a light-colored background. If you can't send a digital picture, email us at [isinfo@dec.ny.gov](mailto:isinfo@dec.ny.gov) and we'll contact you.