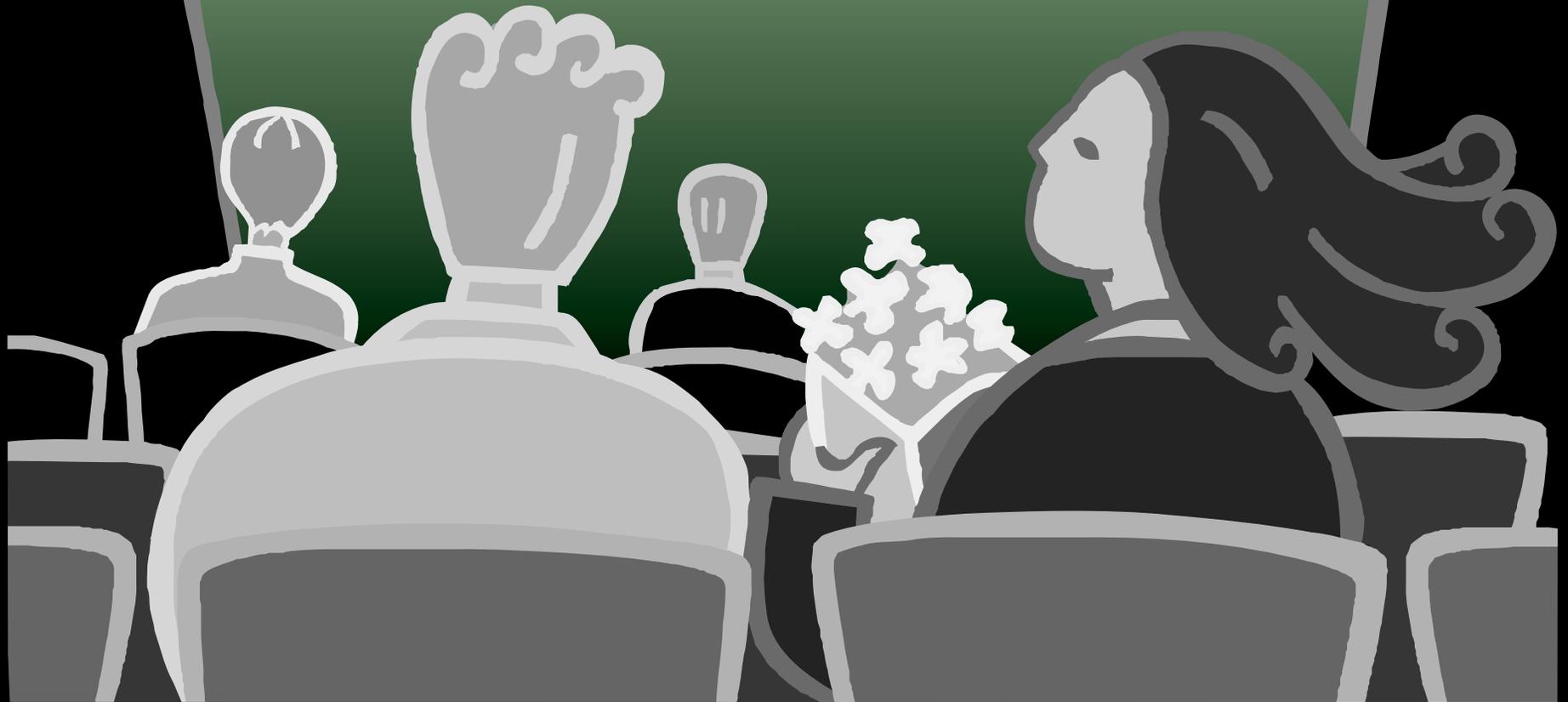


The Alien Plant Working Group's
2008 Invasive Plant Calendar
Goes to the Movies





2008 INVASIVE PLANT CALENDAR

Weeds Gone Wild are plants introduced into new areas outside their native ranges that have become invasive in natural habitats. Introduced plants are also referred to as *alien*, *exotic*, *non-native*, and *non-indigenous*. Native plants occur in a particular habitat and ecosystem as a result of natural forces, excluding human activities. Invasive plants crowd out native species when introduced to new habitats. They reproduce and spread rapidly because they lack the natural controls present in their native lands.

For more information on the identification and management of invasive plants affecting natural areas from the aquatic to the terrestrial, including fact sheets for some of the species in this calendar, take a look at the website (<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien>).

Weeds Gone Wild: Alien Plant Invaders of Natural Areas is a web-based project of the Alien Plant Working Group that provides information for the general public, land managers, researchers, and others on the serious threat and impacts of invasive alien plants to the native flora, fauna, and natural ecosystems of the United States. The site provides:

- An invasive plant list for the United States
- Illustrated fact sheets with control options
- Background on the problem including terminology
- Invasive species internet links
- And much more!

The Alien Plant Working Group provides public education, invasive plant management advice, networking, regional support, and policy guidance. For more details, please refer to the group's "Action Agenda for Invasive Plants" available on the website.

APWG works with a variety of organizations across the United States and internationally. If you would like to get involved with APWG, please send an email to the Alien Plant Working Group Chairperson, Jil Swearingen (jil_swearingen@nps.gov).



IMAGINE...

THE NATIVE PLANTS ARE GONE AND
SOMETHING ELSE IS LIVING INSIDE YOUR LAKE.

WATER HYACINTH

THE INVASION CONTINUES

Starring *Eichhornia crassipes* Filmed in CA, DE, FL, GA, HI, LA, TX

Original Plant Photography by FOREST & KIM STARR

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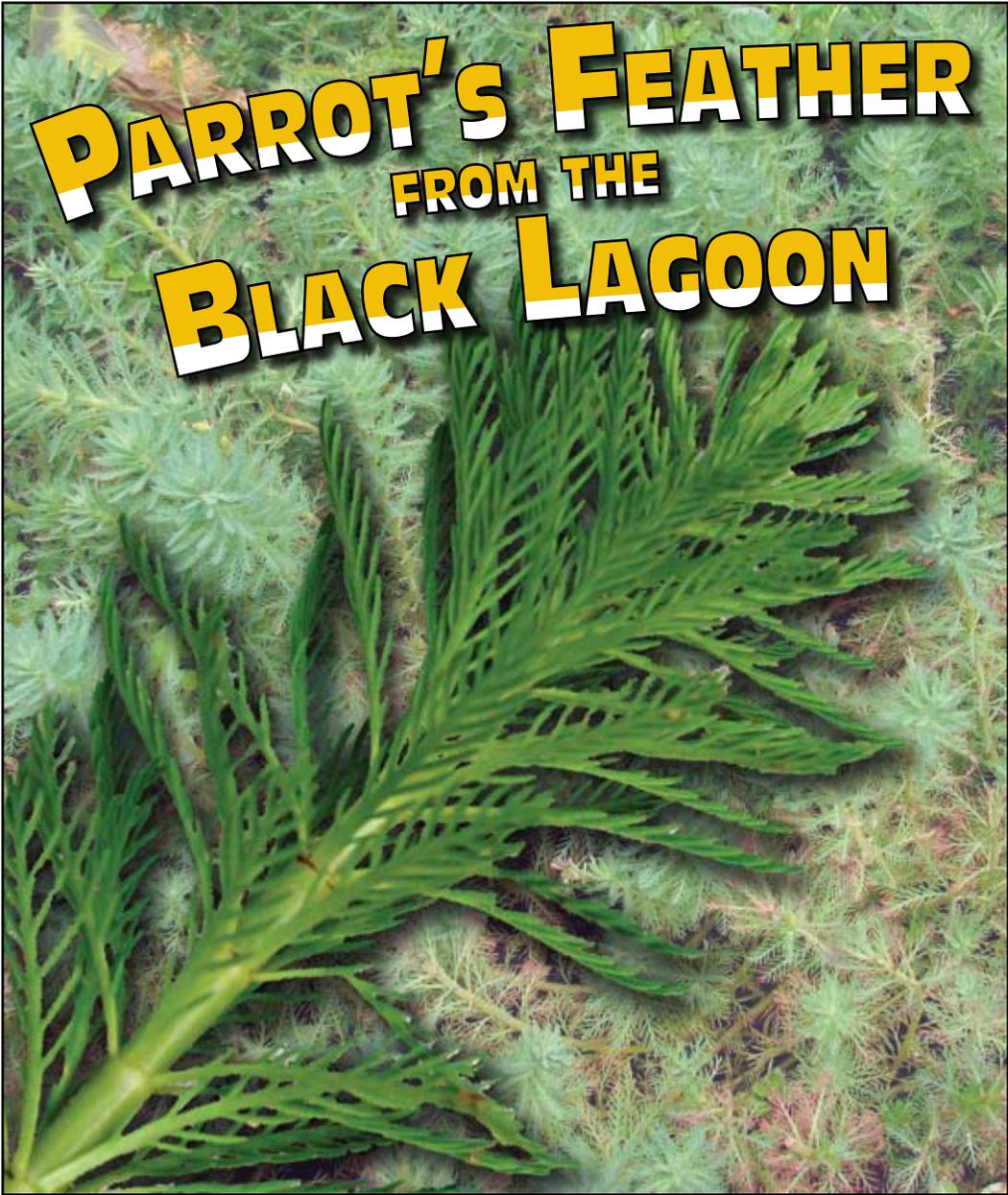
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PARROT'S FEATHER FROM THE BLACK LAGOON



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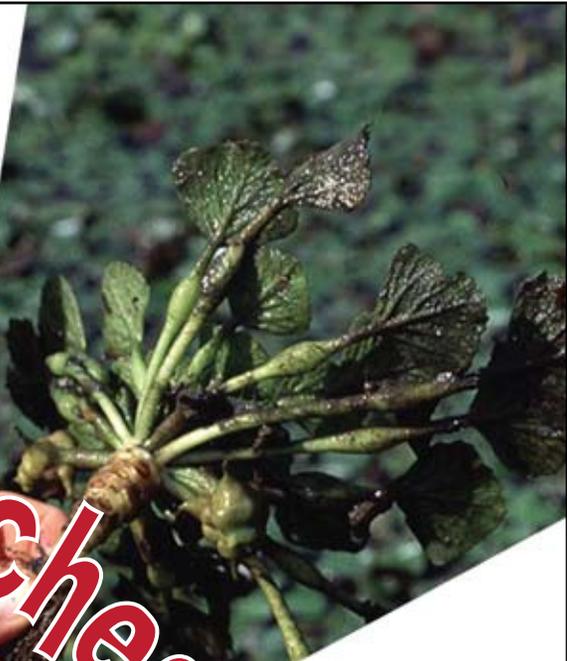
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**NATURE
GONE MAD!**

A world of terror
— it was a monster
yet it was a plant.
You'll hardly
believe what
your own
eyes see!

The
Water Chestnut



THE
STRANGEST
INVASIVE
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THE
WATERWAY
HAS
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Starring **TRAPA NATANS** Filmed in **CT, DE, MA, MD, NH, NY, PA, VA, VT**
 Original Plant Photography by **ALFRED COFRANCESCO** OF **USACE INVASIVE.ORG** & **STEVE HURST** OF **USDA**
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A DEADLY BEAUTY
 QUICKLY FORMING
 MONOCULTURES,
 IT IS INDEED A
 "TRUE FORGET-ME-NOT"!

ATTACK OF THE 6.5 MM FLOWERS



Starring *MYOSOTIS SCORPIOIDES* Filmed in CT, MI, OR, RI, WI

Original Plant Photography by K. YAMADA ON FLICKR

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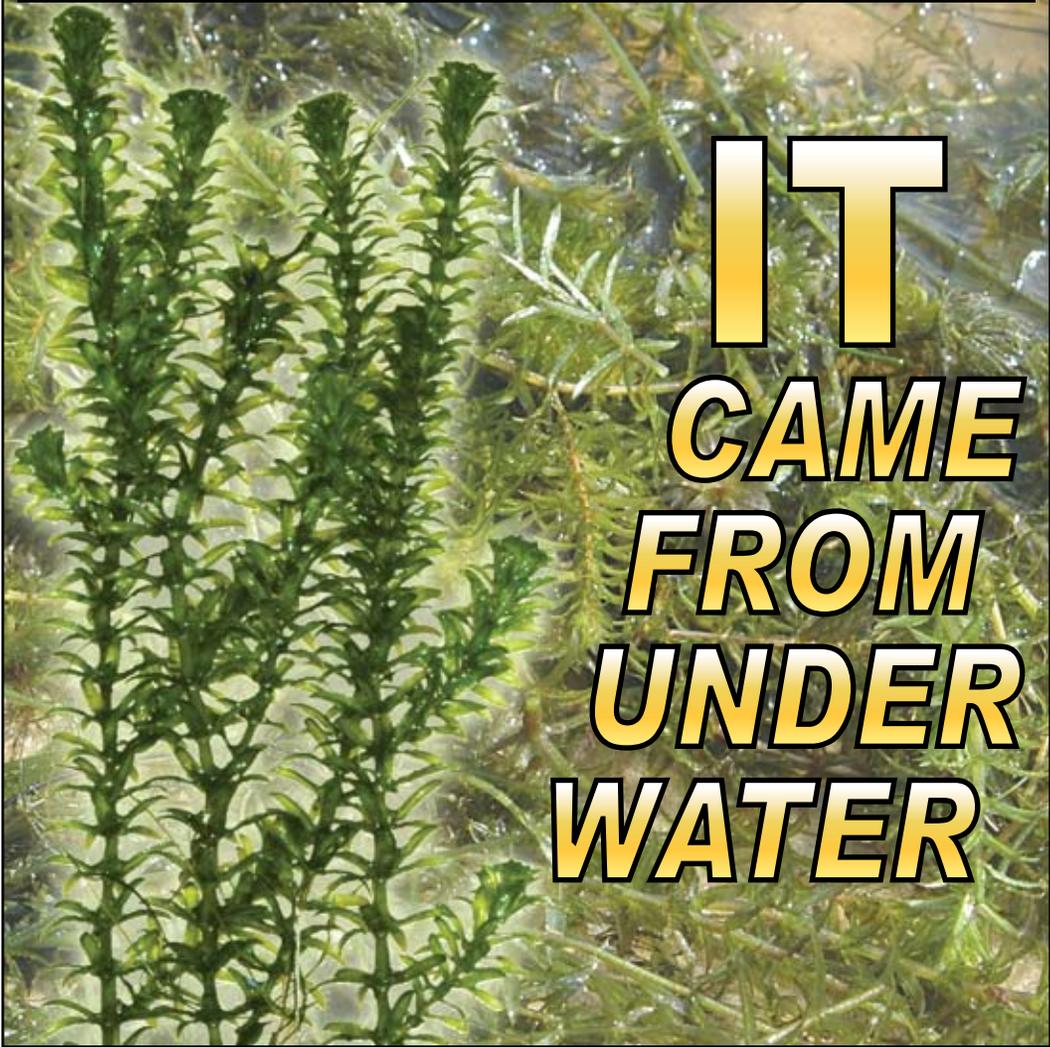
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**AN INVISIBLE MENACE UNTIL IT FILLS UP
YOUR INFESTED RIVER OR LAKE!**



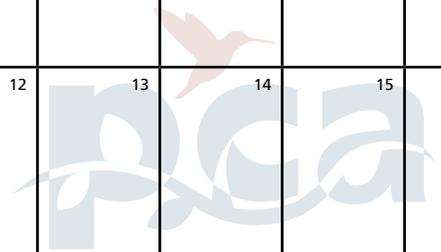
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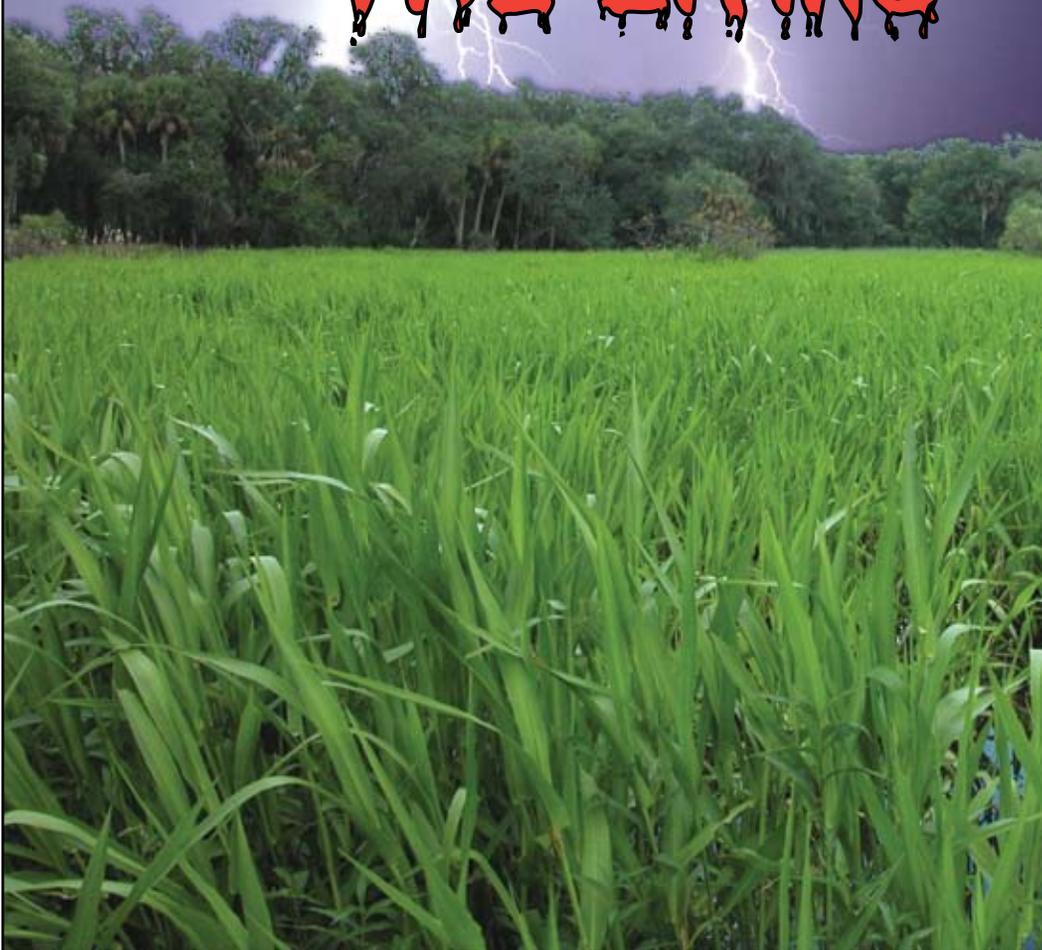


Starring **HYDRILLA VERTICILLATA** Filmed in CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IN, MA, MD, NC, NH, OR, TN, TX, VA, WA, WI, WV Original Plant Photography by CHRIS EVANS OF RIVER TO RIVER CWMA, INVASIVE.ORG
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**WEST INDIAN
MARSH GRASS** in

"I SMOTHER THE LIVING"



Starring **HYMNACHNE AMPLEXICAULIS** Filmed in **FLORIDA**

Original Plant Photography by **RODRIGO DIAZ** OF **BCRCL** AT THE **UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

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**BEWARE THE WATER SPINACH...it grows
...creeps...floats...infests...shades...and KILLS!**



THE DAY OF THE WATER SPINACH

Starring **IPOMOEA AQUATICA** Filmed in **FLORIDA, HAWAII & TEXAS**

Original Plant Photography by **CHARLES T. BRYSON** OF **USDA & USDA APHIS PPQ, INVASIVE.ORG**

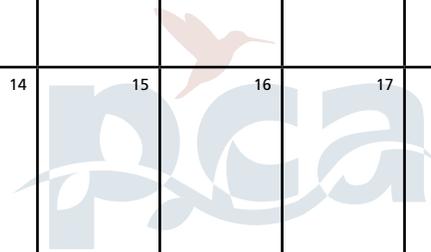
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DEADLY SEA-ALGAE RAGES AGAINST COAST!

KILLER ALGAE: THE MEDITERRANEAN CLONE



Starring **CAULERPA TAXIFOLIA** Previously Filmed in **CALIFORNIA**

Original Plant Photography by **RACHEL WOODFIELD** OF **MERKEL & ASSOCIATES, INC., INVASIVE.ORG**

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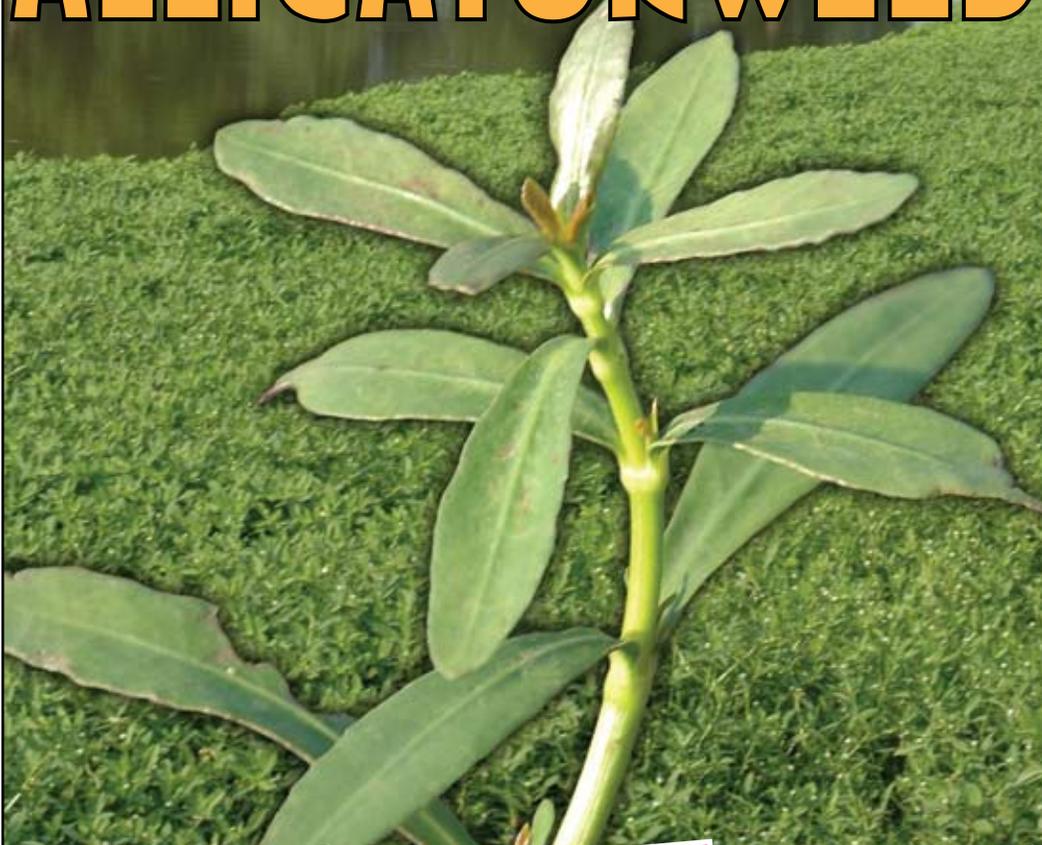
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INVASION OF THE ALLIGATORWEED



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See
THE CREEPING HORROR...!

See
AGASICLES HYGROPHILA vs. ALLIGATORWEED!

See
THE SPRAWLING MATS...!

Starring **ALTERNANTHERA PHILOXEROIDES** Filmed in **GA, KY, IL, NC, SC, TX, VA**
 Original Plant Photography by **CHRIS EVANS OF RIVER TO RIVER CWMA, INVASIVE.ORG**
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WHERE DID IT COME FROM?
 HOW DID IT GET HERE?
 HAS IT COME TO DESTROY OUR WATERWAYS?

THE WATER LETTUCE

Starring *PISTIA STRATIOTES* Filmed in DE, FL, HI, TX

Original Plant Photography by FOREST & KIM STARR

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INVASIVE PLANT LAUNCHES ATTACK AGAINST EARTH'S WATERWAYS!

HOW CAN SCIENCE MEET THE MENACE OF INVASIVE PLANTS?



MARSH DEWFLOWER

Starring **MURDANNIA KEISAK** Filmed in **TENNESSEE, TEXAS & VIRGINIA**

Original Plant Photography by **LINDA LEE** AT **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INVASIVE.ORG**

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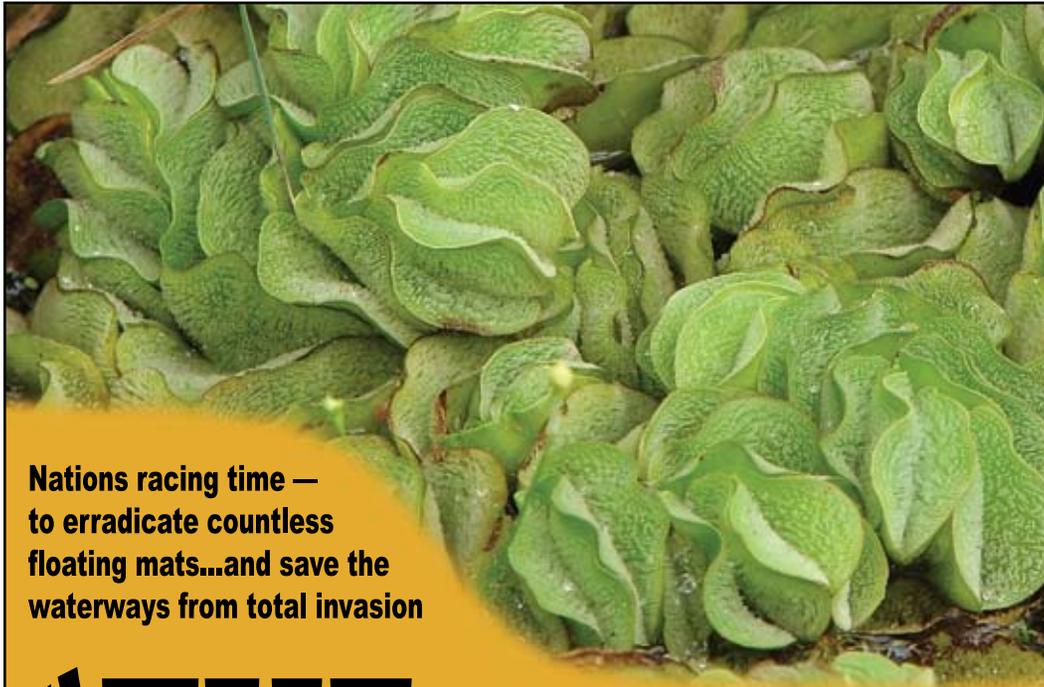
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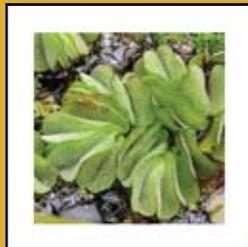
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Nations racing time —
to eradicate countless
floating mats...and save the
waterways from total invasion

"THE GIANT SALVINIA"



It is one of the world's most
noxious aquatic weeds!



It could greatly reduce
large infestations!

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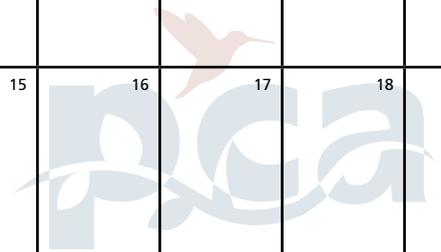
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Starring **SALVINIA MOLESTA** Filmed in **CA, GA, HI, LA, NC, TX**
 Original Weevil & Plant Photography by **SCOTT BAUER OF USDA & TROY EVANS, INVASIVE.ORG**
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