



SALVINIA

(*Salvinia molesta*)

THIS PLANT IS A WEED OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

Salvinia is a floating aquatic or water-based weed that can form dense mats and smother the surface of still and slow-moving waterways. It is a major threat to Camden's local environment, agricultural areas, and waterways including the Nepean River.

Salvinia is fast growing, reduces water quality, causes stagnant water and unpleasant odours and provides habitat for mosquitoes to breed. It can restrict water movement and prevents native vegetation from growing, causing loss of habitat and food sources for native animals. Salvinia also reduces the visual appeal of waterways.

KEY FEATURES:

- Leaves/fronds are round to oval in shape and grow in opposite pairs;
- Leaves are light green to yellowish in colour and may also have a reddish tinge on edges;
- The stems are green and submerged; and
- Roots trail from the stem nodes and can be up to 25cm long.

HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

- By fragments or daughter plants that are attached to boats, trailers and vehicles;
- Dumping of aquarium/pond plants;
- Spread by birds, animals, water currents, floods and wind.

Successful treatment of salvinia requires timely follow up to control regrowth. It is recommended that you seek expert advice from Camden Council's Biosecurity Officer on 13 22 63 or by emailing mail@camden.nsw.gov.au.

For more information visit weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Salvinia

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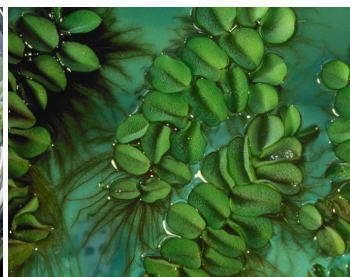


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