

PLANT PEST CONTROL

AQUATIC PLANT PESTS

Parrot's Feather: *Myriophyllum aquaticum*

Why are we worried?

Parrot's Feather is an aggressive and troublesome weed in drainage systems, shallow lakes and ponds, and is difficult to control.

What does it look like?

- Parrot's Feather grows in both standing and flowing water, and also on damp and swampy ground.
- Parrot's Feather is a bottom-rooted perennial, rhizomatous with leafy stems.
- The finely divided leaves look feathery and are light to medium green.
- It can form dense mats of vegetation which float over the surface of water less than 2.5 metres deep.
- It spreads by stem fragments and lateral stem growth, as well as by seed.

Where is it found?

Parrot's Feather is widespread throughout the North Island. In Hawke's Bay it occurs in the Karamu Stream and in a farm dam at Waipawa.

What's the best way to control the plant?

Repeated treatments of Glyphosate at recommended label rates. Apply when the plant is actively growing. Contact the Hawke's Bay Regional Council for more information on control.

For further information

If you think you may have this plant pest on your property, please contact the Biosecurity Plants Officers at Hawke's Bay Regional Council for advice and we will work with you to eradicate it.

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