

# Aquatic Invasive Species Update

## Washington & Waukesha Counties



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## AIS Snapshot Day Registration

Want to help survey waterbodies for AIS? Join us for AIS Snapshot Day on August 17th! Starting at 8:30 AM, volunteers will meet at either the Retzer Nature Center in Waukesha County or the Public Agency Center (Room 3224) in Washington County for a brief training going over sampling protocols. Volunteers will then be assigned pre-selected locations to survey. The volunteers will then head to their assigned locations, go through the survey protocols, and collect specimens! At noon, volunteers will return to either the Retzer Nature Center or the Public Agency Center, where staff will identify all of the specimens collected! Registration closes on August 2nd.



Link to learn more about the event: <https://wisconsinrivers.org/snapshot-day/>  
Link to register for event: <http://bit.ly/snapshot2019>

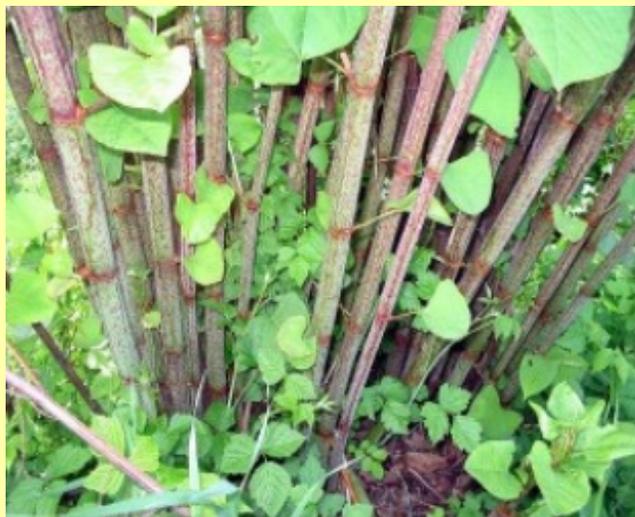
## Survey Work

The AIS team has been surveying multiple waterbodies for AIS this summer! The AIS staff perform both point intercept surveys and early detection surveys. Point intercept surveys involve laying a grid of points over a lake, boating to each point, and throwing a sampling rake in the water to identify all of the plants and algae at that sampling point. An early detection survey is a less intensive survey that involves selecting points along the perimeter of a waterbody and thoroughly searching each point by various means such as using a sampling rake and snorkeling. Below is a list of waterbodies that have been surveyed for AIS so far this season!

Waterbody	County	Survey Type	Known AIS	New Detection (Y/N)
Green Lake	Washington	Point Intercept	BMS, CLP, EWM, SSW	N
Silver Lake	Washington	Point Intercept	BMS, CLP, EWM, SSW, ZM	N
Erler Lake	Washington	Early Detection	EWM	N
East Branch Milwaukee River	Washington	Early Detection	None	N
Nolan Creek	Washington	Early Detection	None	N
Milwaukee River (off Goeden County Park)	Washington	Early Detection	EWM	N
Regner Park Pond	Washington	Early Detection	None	N
Sandy Knoll County Park Pond	Washington	Early Detection	BMS	Y (Banded Mystery Snail)
Etter Lake	Waukesha	Early Detection	CLP	Y (Curly Leaf Pondweed)
Fox River	Waukesha	Early Detection	None	N
<b>Upcoming Surveys</b>				
Lower Genesee Lake	Waukesha	Early Detection	EWM	
Middle Genesee Lake	Waukesha	Early Detection	EWM	
Pretty Lake	Waukesha	Early Detection	EWM	
<b>Species Key</b>				
BMS	Banded Mystery Snail			
EWM	Eurasian Water Milfoil			
CLP	Curly Leaf Pondweed			
SSW	Starry Stonewort			
ZM	Zebra Mussel			

## Japanese Knotweed Treatment

Along the shoreline of Friess Lake in Glacier Hills County Park (Washington County) is a patch of an invasive plant called Japanese knotweed. Japanese knotweed is a restricted species that was desirable for landscaping due to its bamboo-like stems. The seeds of Japanese knotweed are easily spread in water. AIS staff will be using herbicide to tackle the population. We will also be treating a patch along Holy Hill Road with the permission of a private property owner. Updates to come about the success of the treatment!



Bamboo-like stems of Japanese knotweed

## Lake of the Month - Willow Springs

Willow Springs Lake is located just East of the Village of North Prairie in Waukesha County. Willow Springs has a surface area of 41 acres and max

depth of 13 feet. Fisherman can expect to catch pan fish, large mouth bass, and northern pike. Willow Springs has both a public carry-in access on the northwest side of the lake off of Willow Spring Drive.



Aquatic Invasive Species: **None**

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