

Aquatic Invasive Species Early Detection Monitoring Protocol

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Scope



Details preparation, site considerations, equipment, and monitoring procedures involved with aquatic and wetland invasive species monitoring along lake shorelines, wadable and non-wadable streams, wetlands, and roadsides



Consult NR40 for species targeted with emphasis on Prohibited



Network of DNR staff & partners



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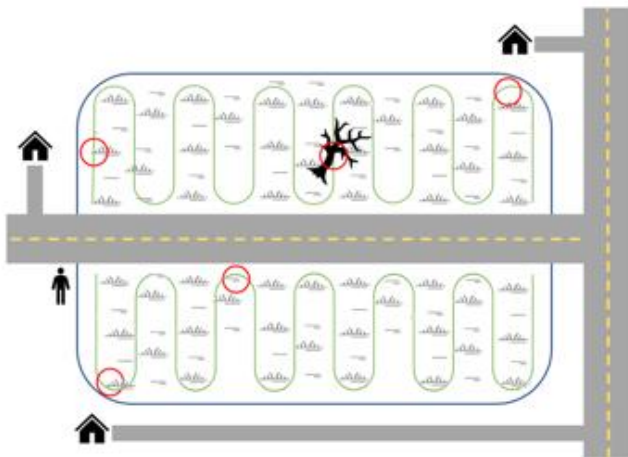
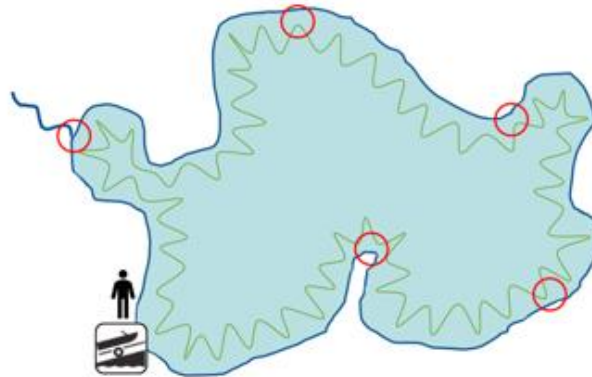
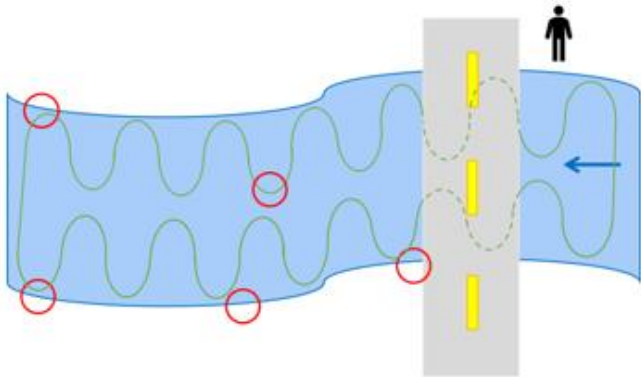
Access 30 m x 30 m
(15 min)



Target sites 15 m x 15 m
(10 min each)



Visual survey
(4-8 kph)




Design

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- Target searches 15m x 15m for 10 minutes
- Meander searches at a slow pace (~0.0001-8 kph) between search sites targeting suitable habitats or pathways.



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>6.4-8	>3-5	>11.5-17.1 (401-600)		>4-5	7	4
>8-9.6*	>5-10*	>17.1-23* (601-800)	3.0*	>5-6*	8* 	5*

**Larger areas may be surveyed. Target site count and time spent will be estimated based on the provided estimates.*

Desktop Prep

- Become familiar with [target species](#)

Desktop Preparation

Monitors should be familiar with the identification of species regulated under Chapter NR 40 and their preferred habitat. Review Appendix A to understand species parts to be familiar with while monitoring. The DNR AIS Team identified a list of species that will be tracked in SWIMS:

<https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/swims/Documents/DownloadDocument?id=359904256> This spreadsheet includes links to factsheets which contain guidance for identification, distribution, and control for each aquatic and wetland species. Additional identification and distribution resources are available on the following website: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Lakes/AIS/Monitoring.html>

Category	Common Name	Scientific name	NR40 Regulated	NR40 Added	Habitat
Animal	Asian clam	Corbicula fluminea	Prohibited	09/01/2009	A
Animal	Eastern mosquitofish	Gambusia holbrooki	Restricted	09/01/2009	A
Animal	Faucet snail	Bithynia tentaculata	Prohibited	09/01/2009	A
Animal	Goldfish *(3)	Carassius auratus	Restricted	09/01/2009	A
Animal	Koi carp *(3)	Cyprinus rubrofuscus	Restricted	09/01/2009	A
Animal	New Zealand mud snail	Potamopyrgus antipodarum	Prohibited	09/01/2009	A

Location Name	SWIMS Station ID	County	Collector(s)	Date	Start Time	End Time				
Survey Area Type	Wetland <input type="radio"/> Lake <input type="radio"/> Wadable Stream <input type="radio"/> Non-Wadable Stream <input type="radio"/> Roadside <input type="radio"/>	AIS Sign Present		Paid Hours (Hrs x PPL)	Volunteer Hours (Hrs x PPL)					
Pathway See the DNR AIS Management Plan for information on pathways.	Natural <input type="checkbox"/>	Trade <input type="checkbox"/>	Rec <input type="checkbox"/>	Canal, Dam, Div <input type="checkbox"/>	Road & Trans <input type="checkbox"/>	Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/>	Maritime <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A		

STEP 1:

Review species factsheets to become familiar with aquatic and wetland invasive species: [species tracked in SWIMS](#).

Did you look for all the species on the list? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Be aware of known AIS at the monitoring site to sample from least to most invaded and use appropriate [disinfection method](#):

Use this space to list known species: _____



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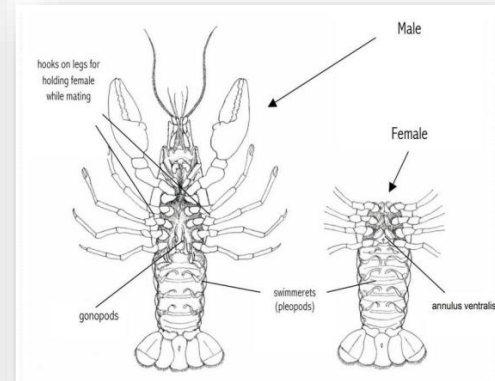
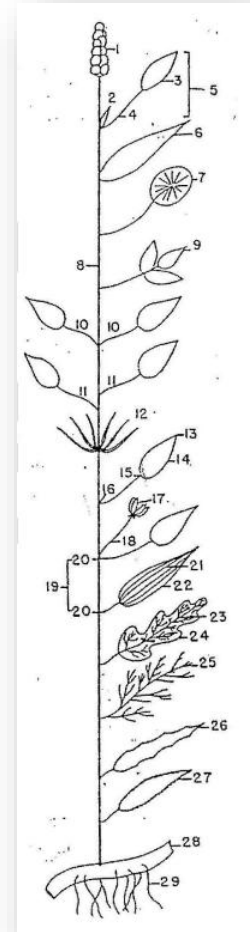
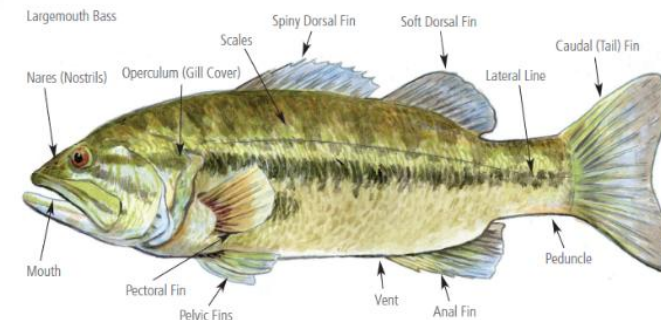
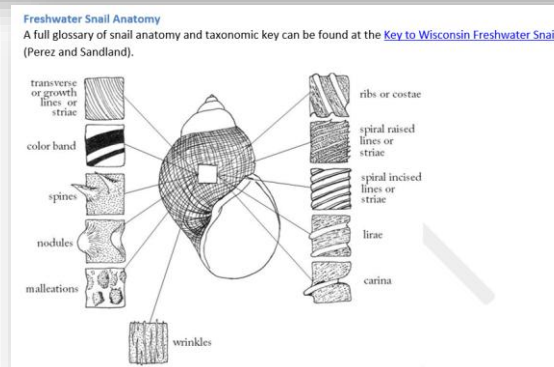
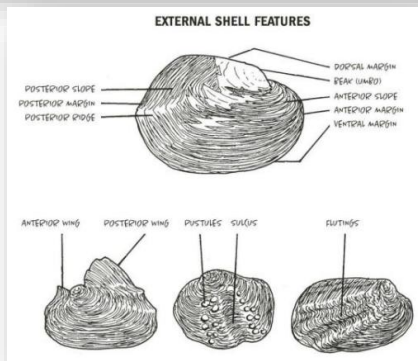
APPENDIX A: Aquatic Invasive Species Occurrence Documentation Guidelines

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

All monitors should become familiar with basic identification of NR 40 listed species and carefully review the following diagrams on identify species parts. When aquatic invasive species are detected, they should be photographed per the following guidance. Specimens of NR 40 Prohibited species will be collected and submitted for vouchering. Do not attempt to delineate the population and continue the survey. A follow-up survey to delineate populations will occur if management is planned.


Diagrams of species parts

The following pages includes diagrams and descriptions of the various species groups. This is to offer guidance on specific parts to photograph. If needed, glossaries can be found in the cited references.



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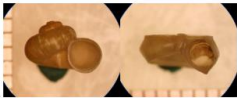
Key to the freshwater snail families of Wisconsin

1a. Animal with an [operculum](#) (NOTE - opercula may be missing in some specimens due to preservation methods, age of specimen, or to use other morphological characters in suspected cases) (2)

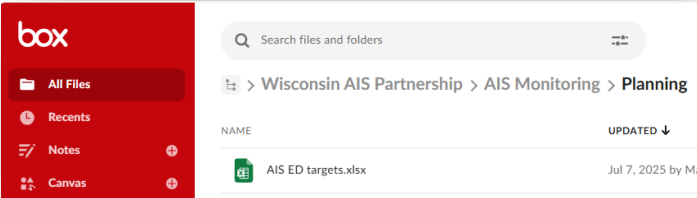
1b. Animal without an operculum (7)

2a. Shell small (diameter up to 5 mm), [spire](#) generally depressed, some species with [carina](#), operculum [multispiral](#) - [Valvatidae](#)

2b. Shell small to large, spire depressed to elongate, operculum multispiral, [paucispiral](#), or [concentric](#) (3)



2a.



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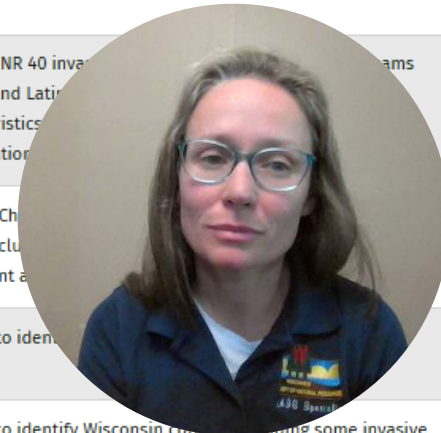
> Wisconsin AIS Partnership > AIS Monitoring > Planning

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AIS ED targets.xlsx	Jul 7, 2025 by Ma

Identification

This section includes documents and webpages to help volunteers and professionals identify aquatic and wetland invasive species in Wisconsin.

Title	Description
Chapter NR 40, Wis. Adm. Code	Wisconsin Administrative Code chapter concerning invasive species identification, classification and control rule.
Understanding Invasive Species	This page includes links to learn more about aquatic, wetland and terrestrial invasive species. Within those pages you can find information on plants and animals regulated under NR 40 including NR40 Classification; common and scientific name; factsheets; photos; literature reviews; Species Assessment Group form; and NR 40 listing date. Identification information is found in the factsheet. Brochures can be found in the Resources tab.
Aquatic Invasive Species Identification Webinar Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Complete webinar recording covering all species (May 27, 2020) [video Length 01:51:28]Presentation Slides [PDF] <p>For ease of viewing, segments for different species groups covered in the complete webinar have been broken out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Submersed plants [video Length 00:42:01]Aquatic animals [video Length 00:23:24]Riparian plants [video Length 00:25:42]Nearshore upland plants [video Length 00:18:32]
Wisconsin Aquatic Invasive Species Early Detection Handbook [PDF exit DNR]	Handbook for Citizen Lake Monitoring Network AIS monitors. Includes photos and descriptions for identification.
Aquatic and Wetland Invasive Species Identification Guide (multi-page) [PDF]	Multi-page identification guide to NR 40 invasive species in Wisconsin's lakes and wetlands. Includes common and Latin names, photos, and highlight key identifying characteristics. Maps are current as of the publication date.
Aquatic and Wetland Invasive Species Identification Guide (one-page) [PDF]	One-page identification guide for Citizen Lake Monitoring Network AIS monitors in lakes, streams and wetlands. Includes common and Latin names, photos, and distribution maps. Maps are current as of the publication date.
Key to Wisconsin Freshwater Snails [exit DNR]	Taxonomic key with photographs to identify Wisconsin freshwater snails.
Wisconsin Crayfish Photo ID	Taxonomic key with photographs to identify Wisconsin crayfish, including some invasive species.



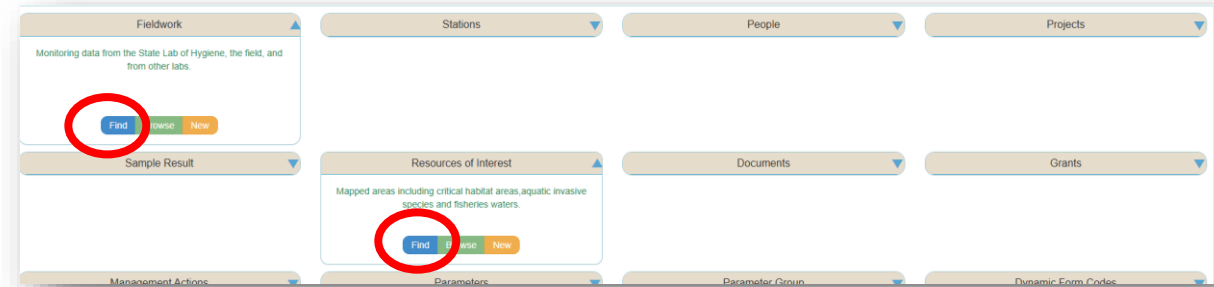
Desktop Prep – Identify Monitoring Locations

- Surface Water Integrated Monitoring Systems

<https://dnrmaps.wi.gov/H5/?viewer=SWDV>

Known AIS → Resources of Interest → Waterbody Name
Last monitoring efforts → Fieldwork → Station ID

- DNR Lakes pages [Find A Lake](#) Facts & Figures tab:
 - Verified invasive species
 - Area, max & mean depth, waterbody type, hydrological lake type, county, lat, long
 - Contour maps, historical structures, and alkalinity
 - Lake orgs
 - Recreation

A screenshot of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 'Find A Lake' page. The page features a search bar for 'Lake Name' with 'Search' and 'Reset' buttons. Below this is a 'Location' dropdown menu set to 'Statewide'. There are three main filter sections: 'Fish' with checkboxes for Musky, Northern Pike, Walleye, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Trout, Catfish, and Sturgeon; 'Water Clarity' with radio buttons for Very Clear, Moderately Clear, Low Water Clarity, Extremely Low Water Clarity, and Any; and 'Lakes With' with checkboxes for Boat Landings, Beaches, and Public Lands/Parks. A 'Local Boating Regulations' dropdown menu is also present. A circular inset image of a woman with glasses is in the bottom right corner.

Desktop Prep



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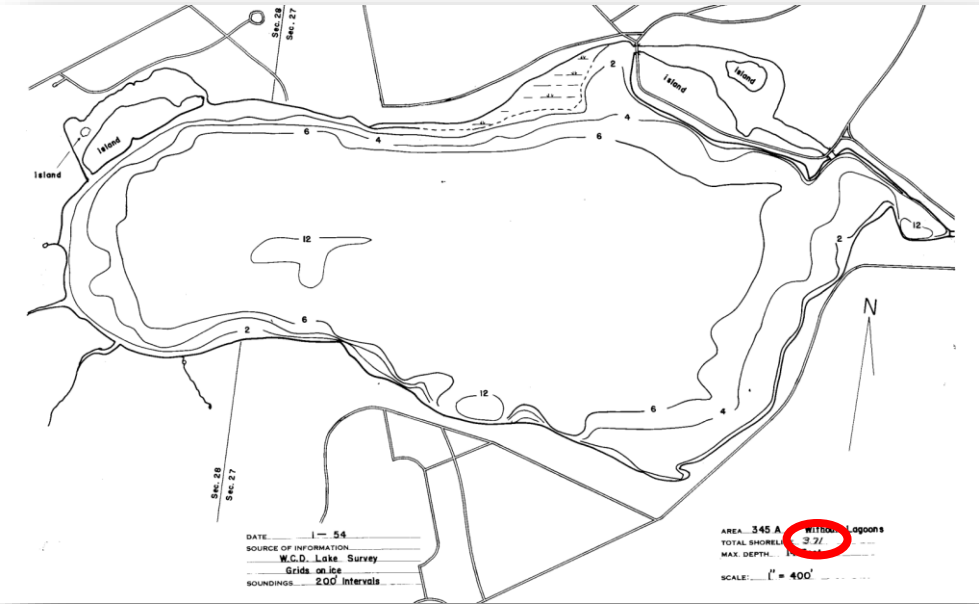
[Find A Lake](#) > [Dane County](#) > Lake Wingra

Lake Wingra

[Overview](#) [Map](#) [Facts & Figures](#) [More](#)

Facts & Figures

Name	Lake Wingra
Waterbody ID (WBIC)	805000
Area	336 ACRES
Maximum Depth	14 feet
Bottom	5% sand, 10% gravel, 0% rock, 85% muck
Waterbody Type	lake
Hydrologic Lake Type	DRAINAGE
County	Dane
Region	SC
Latitude, Longitude	43.0535033, -89.4194465
Contour (Bathymetric) Map	Contour Map
Interactive Map	Interactive Map
Lake Management	
Lake Organizations	Friends Of The Arboretum [exit DNR]
Recreation	
Beaches	1
Boat Landings	1

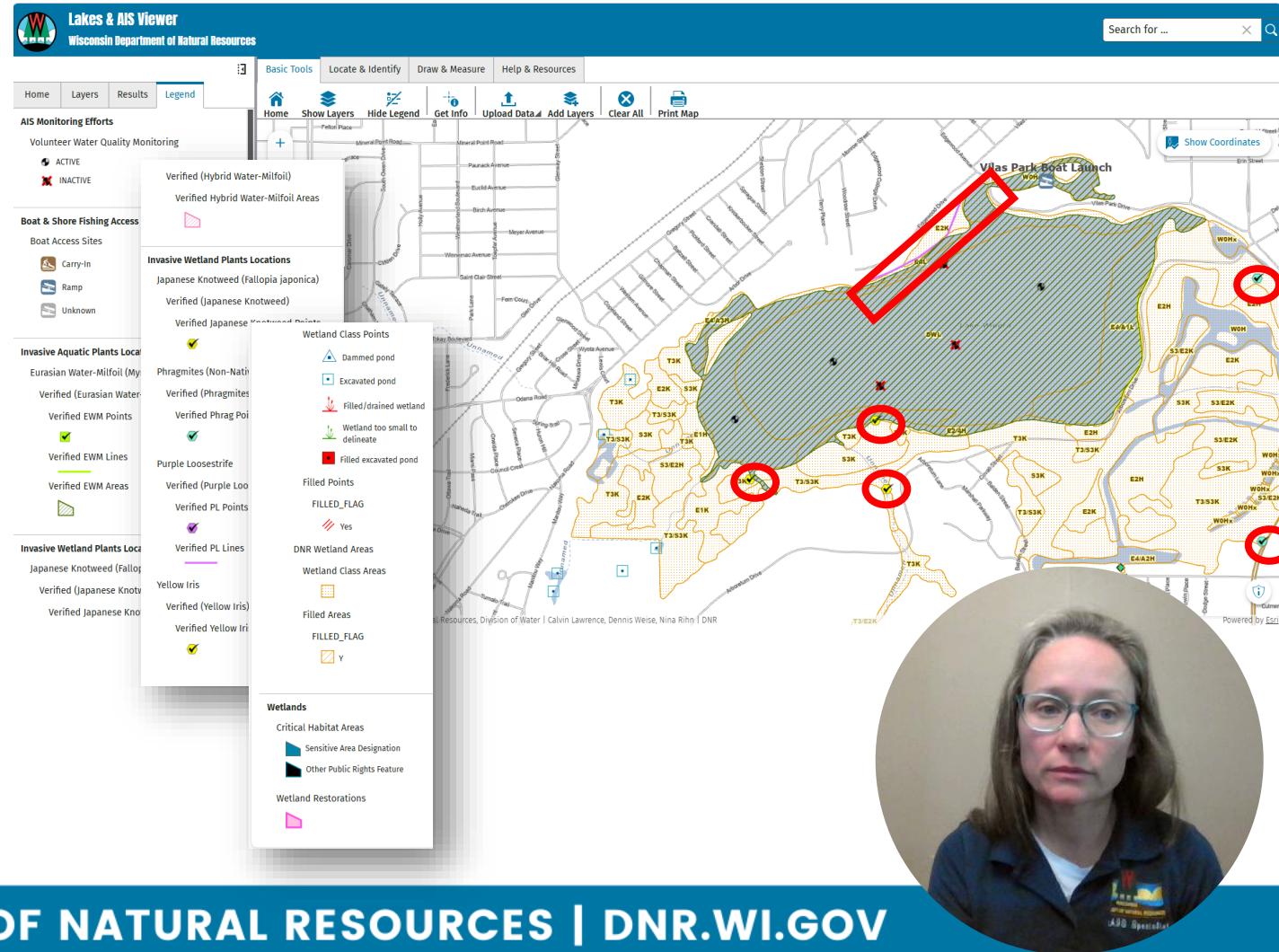


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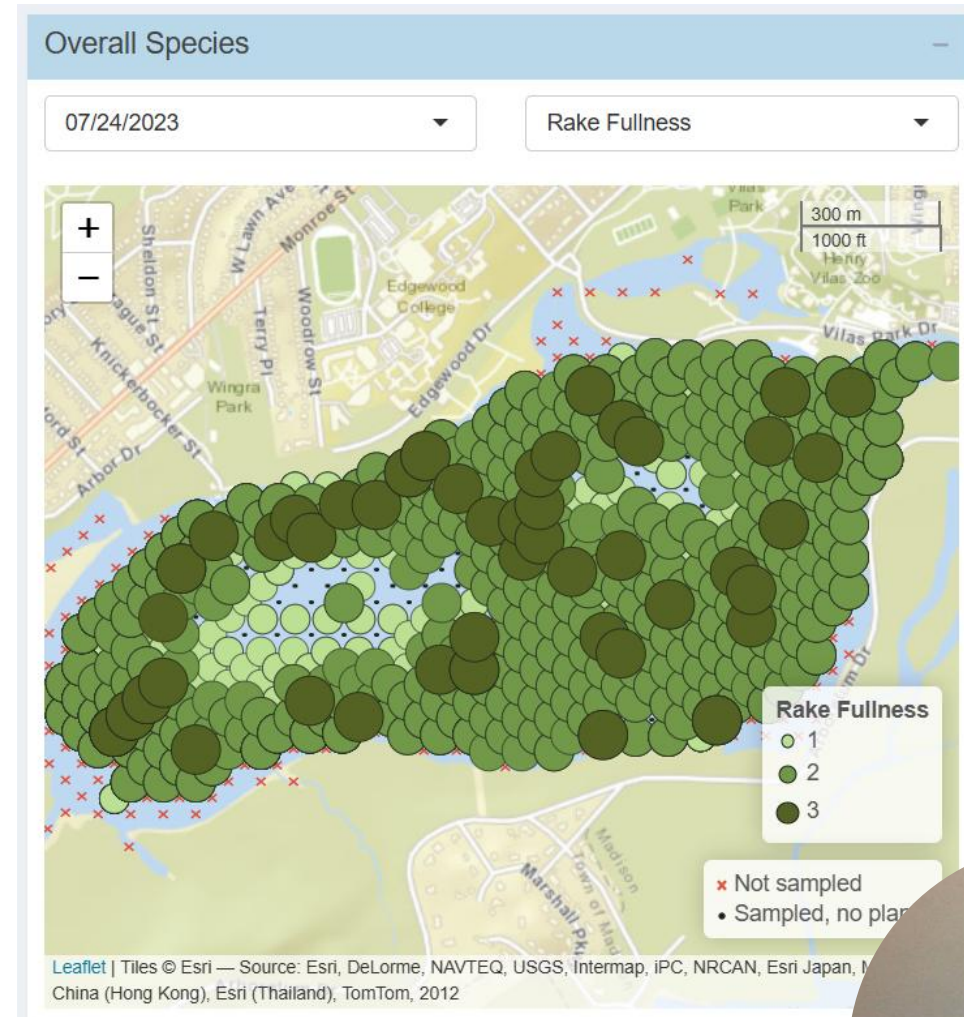
Desktop Prep – Identify Access, Target, & Meander Sites with Mapping Resources

- Layers in Lakes & AIS Viewer
 - https://dnrmaps.wi.gov/H5/?viewer=Lakes_AIS_Viewer
- Inland Water Resources
 - Open Water, Watershed, Stream Order, Flow Direction
 - Wetland Inventory & Wetlands
 - Restorations and Critical Habitat
- Boat & Shore Fishing Access
- Monitoring Stations
- AIS Monitoring efforts
 - Project RED, CLMN, Early Detection
- Invasive Species Locations



Desktop Prep

- Become familiar with [target species](#)
- Identify monitoring locations
- Identify access & target sites apriori using data resources
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Field Monitoring Equipment

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Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Form (3200-154 R 04/2025) [PDF] printed on waterproof paper for each site					
Pencils					
Stopwatch					
Maps (i.e., contour/topographic, aerial imagery or orthophotos, georeferenced imagery uploaded to Smartphone Gazetteer)					
GPS					
Boat/kayak					
Anchor					
Waders/hip boots					
50 m tape measure					
Binoculars					
Camera					
Aquatic plant rake on a rope and pole (Recommended Baseline Monitoring of Aquatic Plants in Wisconsin)					
Stainless steel sand scoop					
Ewoldt clam rake					
D-frame 500- or 600-micron mesh kick net about 12" W x 10" L x 22" D. Handle about 52" L x 1-1/4" diameter					
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Safety

- A two-person crew is recommended.
- Use a stable boat and wear a personal flotation device (PFD) if sampling on lakes or non-wadable streams.
- Do not enter water with blue-green algae.
- Use appropriate footwear when traversing wetlands (knee boots) and wadable streams (waders).
- Reflective vest must be worn when outside of the vehicle.
- Vehicles must be marked with orange safety cones.
- Cold weather carries the risk of hypothermia, and hot weather risk of dehydration and heat stroke.
- Prepare with appropriate clothing, sun protection, drinking water, and insect repellent.
- Carry a fire extinguisher, cellular phone, or portable radio, and a first aid kit that includes materials for cleaning wounds (antibacterial soap and clean water or ethyl alcohol).
- Be aware of the forecast and weather conditions.
- Federally controlled/regulated waters also must comply with United States Coast Guard regulations for flares, vessel shut-off, and noise making.



Permissions

- Landowner permission must be requested. Consult the county resources list found in the protocols.
- A free permit is required from WisDOT to work on state managed roadsides.
- If you stay within the right of way (ROW), you do not need to contact adjacent landowners for permission. How far a ROW extends from the centerline of a road depends on road width and can vary greatly.

County_Contacts_and_Websites • 06/27/25

Light Gray Text = URL repeats from a previous column

County Website Link	GIS Webmapping Application(s) Link	GIS Download Link <small>(also see GeoData@Wisconsin.gov)</small>	Lidar Download Link <small>(Inventory Map)</small>	Real Property Lister Link	Register of Deeds Link	LIO – Click for Email	LIO Phone
Adams County GIS	Adams County GIS	Adams GIS Download	Adams Lidar	Adams RPL	Adams ROD	Sam Bortz	608-339-4206
Ashland County GIS	Ashland County GIS	Ashland GIS Download	Ashland Lidar	Ashland RPL	Ashland ROD	Brittany Gaudin-Winschke	715-685-2002
Barron County GIS	Barron County GIS	Barron GIS Download	Barron Lidar	Barron RPL	Barron ROD	David Gifford	715-537-6375
Bayfield County GIS	Bayfield County GIS	Bayfield GIS Download	Bayfield Lidar	Bayfield RPL	Bayfield ROD	Scott Galetka	715-373-6156
Brown County GIS	Brown County GIS	Brown GIS Download	Brown Lidar	Brown RPL	Brown ROD	Jeff DuMez	920-448-6480
Buffalo County GIS	Buffalo County GIS	Buffalo GIS Download	Buffalo Lidar	Buffalo RPL	Buffalo ROD	Nathan Machula	608-685-6285
Burnett County GIS	Burnett County GIS	Burnett GIS Download	Burnett Lidar	Burnett RPL	Burnett ROD	Jason Towne	715-349-2109
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Columbia County GIS	Columbia County GIS	Columbia GIS Download	Columbia Lidar	Columbia RPL	Columbia ROD	John Grams	608-742-9882
Crawford County GIS	Crawford County GIS	Crawford GIS Download	Crawford Lidar	Crawford RPL	Crawford ROD	Gigi Collins	608-326-0221
Dane County GIS	Dane County GIS	Dane GIS Download	Dane Lidar	Dane RPL	Dane ROD	Todd Violante	608-266-4021
Dodge County GIS	Dodge County GIS	Dodge GIS Download	Dodge Lidar	Dodge RPL	Dodge ROD	Dave Addison	920-386-3773
Door County GIS	Door County GIS	Door GIS Download	Door Lidar	Door RPL	Door ROD	Zakry Schwartz	920-746-2391
Douglas County GIS	Douglas County GIS	Douglas GIS Download	Douglas Lidar	Douglas RPL	Douglas ROD	Zach DeVoe	715-395-1386
Dunn County GIS	Dunn County GIS	Dunn GIS Download	Dunn Lidar	Dunn RPL	Dunn ROD	Rachel Wells	715-231-6514
Eau Claire County GIS	Eau Claire County GIS	Eau Claire GIS Download	Eau Claire Lidar	Eau Claire RPL	Eau Claire ROD	Zach Felling	715-839-7219
Florence County GIS	Florence County GIS	Florence GIS Download	Florence Lidar	Florence RPL	Florence ROD	Donna Liebergen	715-528-3204
Fond du Lac County GIS	Fond du Lac County GIS	Fond du Lac GIS Download	Fond du Lac Lidar	Fond du Lac RPL	Fond du Lac ROD	Terry Dietzel	920-929-3135



Communication

- Prior to beginning a survey, lead monitors will notify stakeholders. This notification can be done via email. Lead monitors will notify the following stakeholders:
- Regional DNR AIS Biologists – Regional DNR AIS Biologist will then inform DNR lake, fish, stream, and wetland biologists.
- LMPN staff, County AIS, or Land and Water Coordinator, Lake Association or friends' group.
- CLMN, WAV, Project RED volunteer program coordinators.



Volunteers

Volunteers and partners are encouraged to assist with the survey if time allows, as local knowledge of the survey site can improve AIS monitoring in many ways.

VOLUNTEER MONITORING JOB ASSIGNMENTS

Volunteer and monitor lead decide based on capabilities and experience of the volunteers:

- Serve as a weather observer.
- Share information about AIS with inquiring observers.
- Assist in launching and loading the boat and placing cones when parked on the road.
- Serve as a surface observer for snorkelers, if snorkeling.
- Data recorder - use GPS, record observations of plants and animals found.
- Collect photos of crew while sampling.
- Utilize plant rake, D-net/scoop, binoculars, etc.
- Ensure boaters remain at least 100 feet away from the diver-down flag, in snorkeling.
- Assist by watching roadside/shoreline while driver in motion.
- Assist in plant/animal ID.



Field Data Collection & Management

Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Data

Form 3200-154 (R 04/2025)

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The purpose of this form is to notify DNR of aquatic invasive species (AIS) surveillance results.

To find where aquatic invasives have already been found, visit: [Lakes and Rivers with Aquatic Invasives](#)

Notice: Information on this voluntary form is collected under ss. 33.02 and 281.11, Wis. Stats. Personally, identifiable information collected on this form will be incorporated into the DNR Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS) Database. It is not intended to be used for any other purposes but may be made available to requesters under Wisconsin's Public Records laws, ss. 19.32 - 19.39, Wis. Stats.

Location Name	SWIMS Station ID	County	Collector(s)	Date	Start Time	End Time			
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<small>See the DNR AIS Management Plan for information on pathways.</small>									

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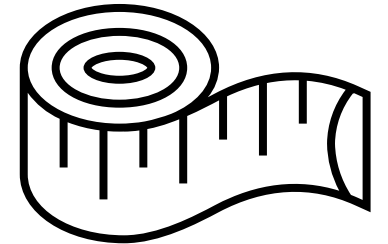
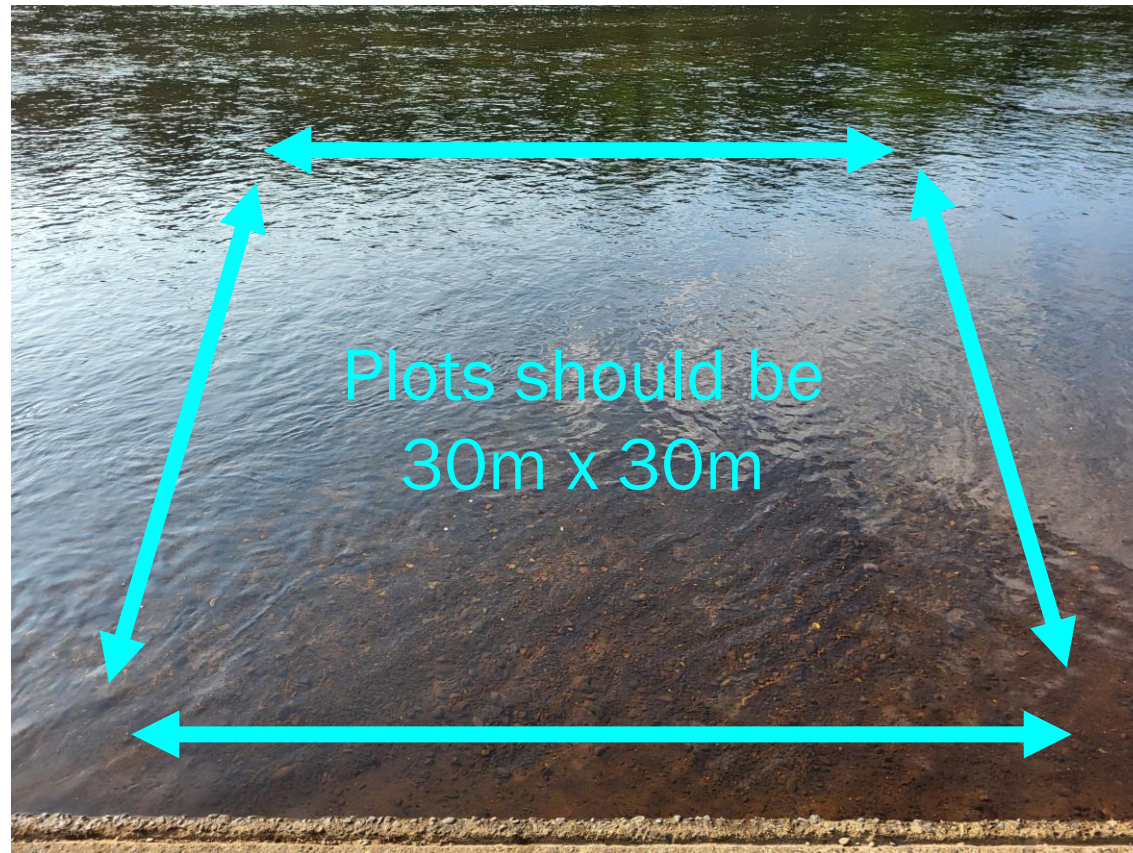
Access Sites (15 minutes)

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2. Visually assess low-lying & submersed vegetation (2 minutes)
3. Assess plants/animals with tools (5 minutes)
4. Below water assessments (6 minutes)

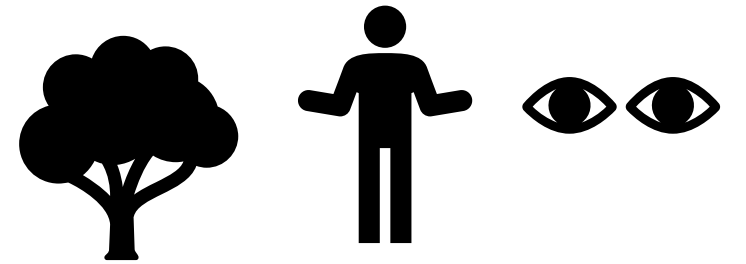




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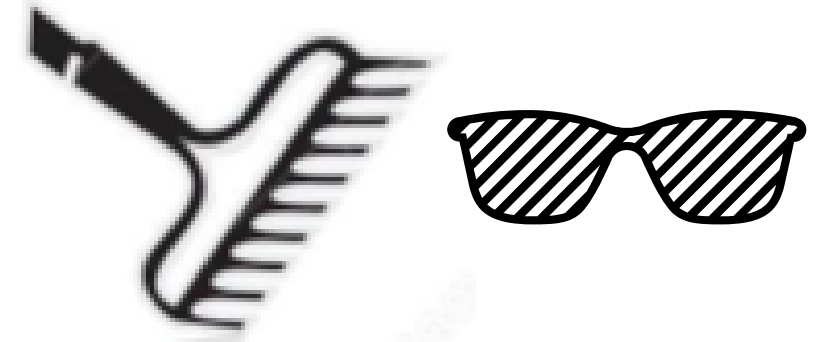
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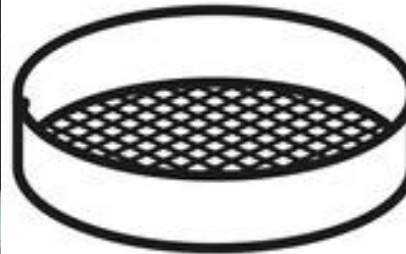
3. Assess Plants/Animals with Tools (5 minutes)



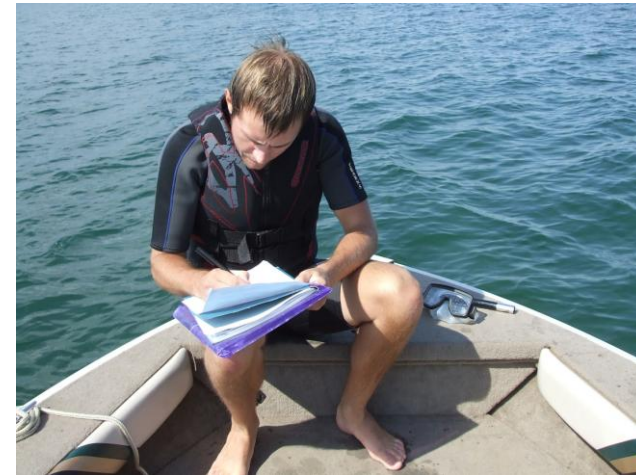
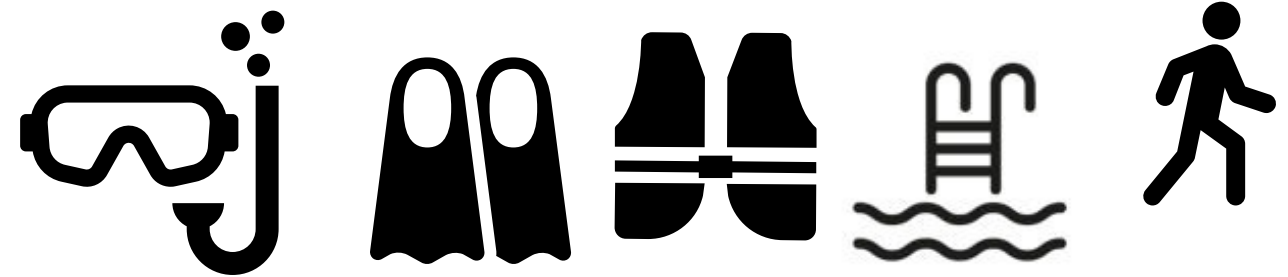
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Target Sites (10 minutes)

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2. Visually assess low-lying & submersed vegetation (1 minutes)
3. Assess plants/animals with tools (4 minutes)
4. Below water assessments (4 minutes)



Meander Search

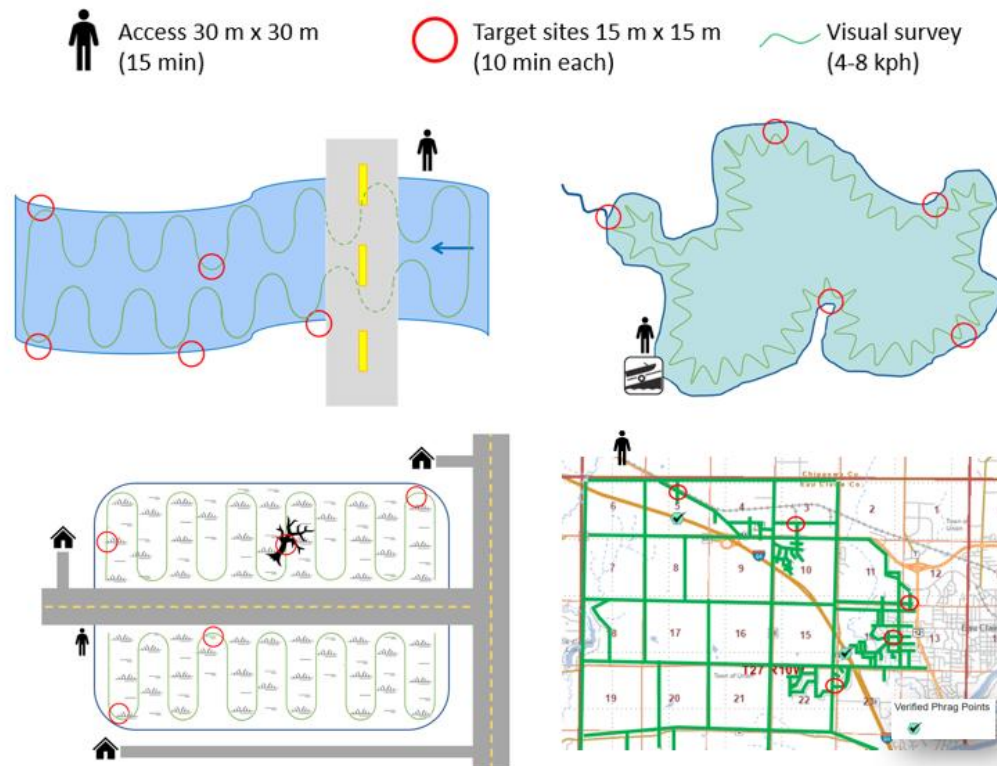
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Lakes & non-wadable streams

Wadable streams

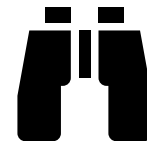
Wetlands

Roadsides



Meandering Lakes & Non-Wadeable Streams

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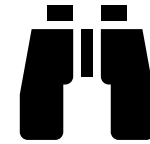


4-8 kph



Meandering Wadable Streams

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0.0001-3 kph



Meander Search

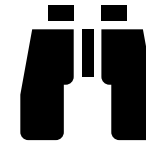
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Wadable streams

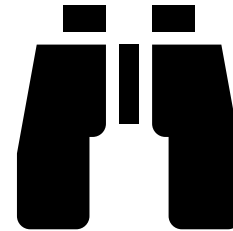
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Roadsides



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Roadsides

4-8 kph



Field Data Collection & Management

STEP 2: Record the following.

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- 3 Record whether AIS present (Y/N).
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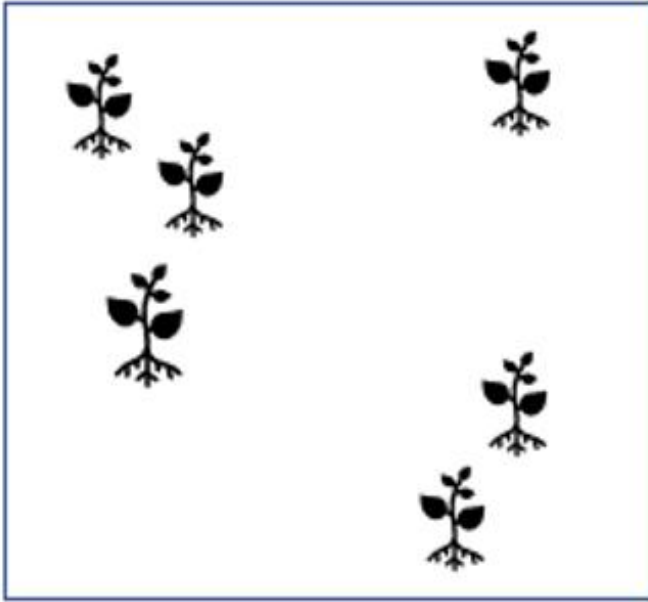
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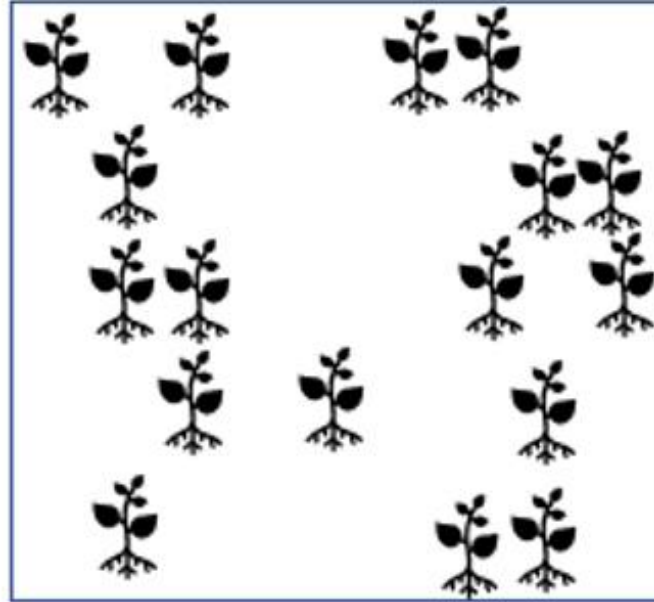
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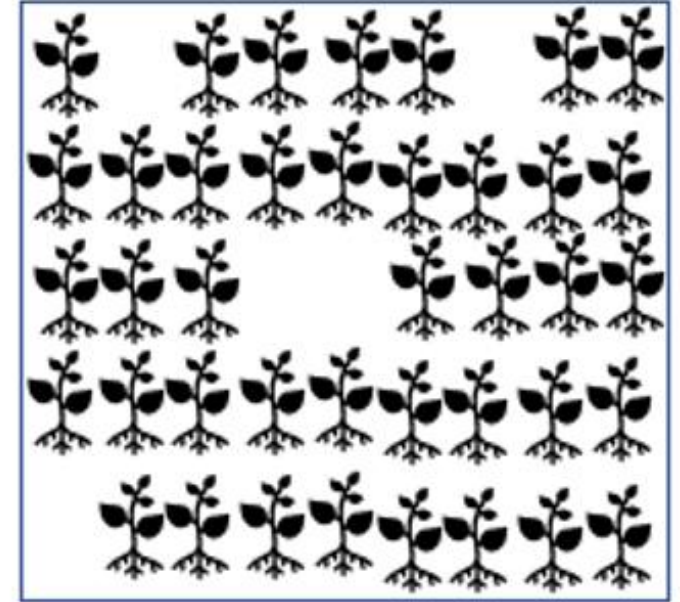
Guide to Density Ratings.



1: few individuals (1-25)



2: many small, scattered
populations (25-500)



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Figure 7. Diagram illustrating each density rating class in the search area for access (30 m x 30 m) and target (15 m x 15 m).



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Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Data

Form 3200-154 (R 03/2025)

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The purpose of this form is to notify DNR of aquatic invasive species (AIS) surveillance results.

To find where aquatic invasives have already been found, visit: [Lakes and Rivers with Aquatic Invasives](#)

Notice: Information on this voluntary form is collected under ss. 33.02 and 281.11, Wis. Stats. Personally identifiable information collected on this form will be incorporated into the DNR Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS) Database. It is not intended to be used for any other purposes but may be made available to requesters under Wisconsin's Public Records laws, ss. 19.32 - 19.39, Wis. Stats.

Location Name	SWIMS Station ID	County	Collector(s)	Date	Start Time	End Time
Maugeth Lake	10002458	Fond du Lac	Maxwell Peters, Patricia Sivula	7-12-23	10:15 AM	1:00 PM
Survey Area Type	Wetland <input type="radio"/> Lake <input checked="" type="radio"/> Wadable Stream <input type="radio"/> Non-Wadable Stream <input type="radio"/> Roadside <input type="radio"/>	AIS Sign Present		Paid Hours (Hrs x PPL)	Volunteer Hours (Hrs x PPL)	
Pathway <small>See the DNR AIS Management Plan for information on pathways.</small>	Natural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade <input type="checkbox"/> Rec <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canal, Dam, Div <input type="checkbox"/> Road & Trans <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A		5.5	8	

STEP 1:

Review species factsheets to become familiar with aquatic and wetland invasive species: [species tracked in SWIMS](#).

Did you look for all the species on the list? ☒ Yes ☐ No

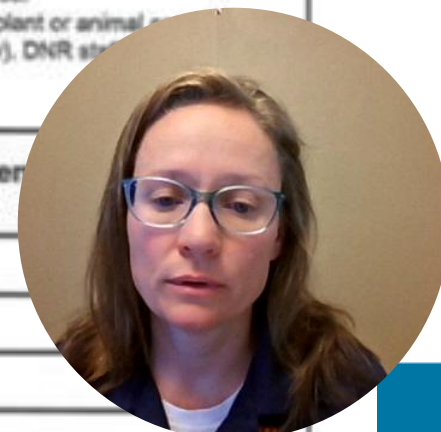
Be aware of known AIS at the monitoring site to sample from least to most invaded and use appropriate [disinfection method](#):

Use this space to list known species: CWM, CLP, Phrag, ZM

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TS 1	43.60299	-88.10320	Y	CWM	3	Y	N	N	
				CLP	1	Y	N	N	
TS 2	43.60409	-88.10320	Y	CWM	2	Y	N	N	



Photos (Appendix A)

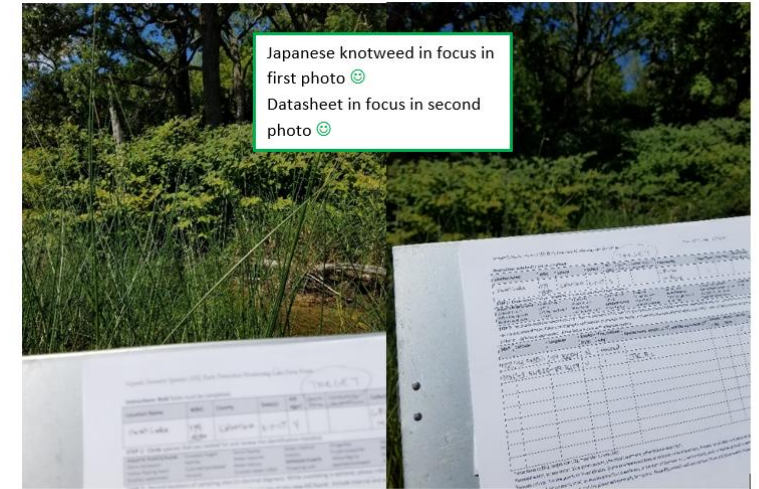
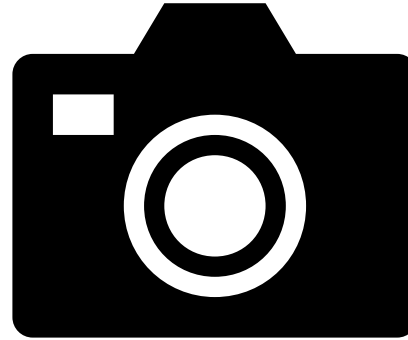
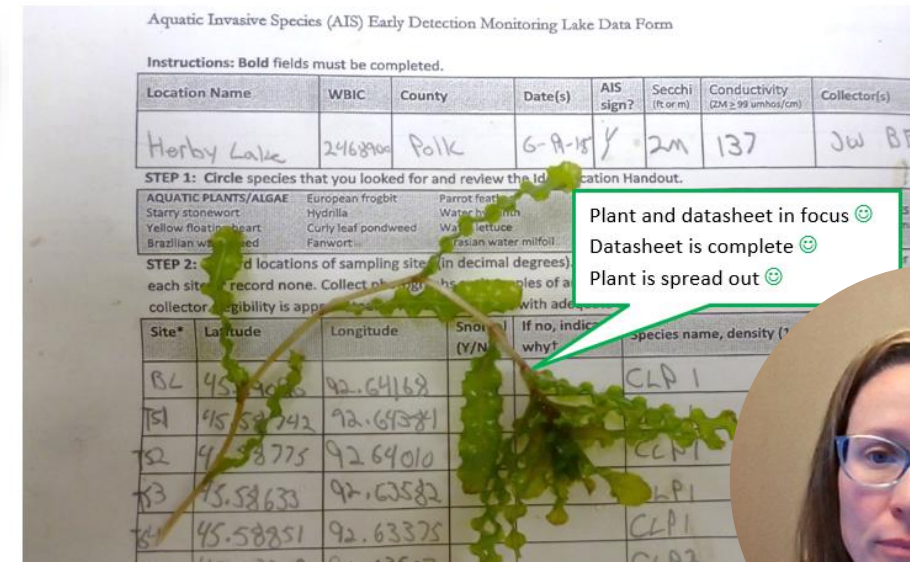


Figure C2. Two landscape photos of monitoring site – one photo with plant in focus and one photo with complete datasheet in focus.



Specimen Labels

- Appendix A
- Stand alone PDF
- Polyester paper

Species:

Station/Location Name:

County:

Latitude, longitude:

Collector(s):

Date:

Habitat:

Associated species:

PRESERVATIVE: ☐ Denatured ETOH

☐ Pure ETOH ☐ None

PRESERVATIVE %: ☐ ETOH 95%

☐ ETOH 70% ☐ ETOH ____%





Create Monitoring Data

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Maureen (Ferry) Kalscheur, Addie Sch

[Find Data Collector](#)**Station*:**

Lake Wingra - Lake Wingra

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This is an example aquatic invasive species fieldwork event data entry.



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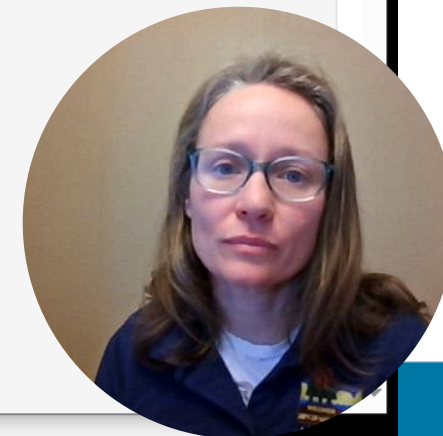
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Scattered patches on shoreline.





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Project: Aquatic Invasive Species Early Detection 2018
Start Date Time: 05/12/2025
Station: Anderson Lake
Form Code: AIS_MON_21

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	Total Volunteer Hours Spent	<input type="text"/>		AIS_EDD_2019
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You Are Entering Data For:

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Project: HORSESHOE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION: Horseshoe Lake AIS Early Detection and ResponseProject, 2009-2011

Start Date Time: 05/13/2025

Station: Anderson Lake

Form Code: AIS_MON_21_1

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Prevention

**PREVENT THE SPREAD OF
INVASIVE SPECIES
IT'S THE LAW**

PENALTIES MAY EXCEED \$2000

Before *launching* and before *leaving* ***YOU MUST:***

- ✓ **INSPECT** boats, trailers, and equipment.
- ✓ **REMOVE** all attached aquatic plants and animals.
- ✓ **DRAIN** all water from boats, vehicles, and equipment.
- ✓ **NEVER MOVE** plants or live fish away from a waterbody.*

 **STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!**
Prevent the spread of invasive species, it's the law

*limited exceptions apply. Visit WWW.DNR.WI.GOV and search for "BAIT LAWS."



**STOP AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS!™**

Prevent the transport of nuisance species
Clean all recreational equipment.

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BOAT, GEAR AND EQUIPMENT DECONTAMINATION AND DISINFECTION MANUAL CODE 9183.1

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

The general public is required to follow the decontamination steps identified in s. [NR 40.02\(44\)](#) and [NR 40.07](#) to prevent the spread of invasive species. This webpage outlines best management practices (BMPs) for the boat, gear and equipment. The manual code for decontamination and disinfection requires all Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources employees, agents, and permittees to transport equipment between waters to take additional prevention steps. If you are unsure if you are required to follow this guidance, please review the [Common Questions and Answers \(PDF\)](#). If you still have questions, contact the person who issued your contract or permit or the DNR [invasive species team](#).

1. [Manual Code #9183.1 \(PDF\)](#)
2. [Full BMPs for boat, gear and equipment decontamination \(PDF\)](#)
3. Check for species present in the work area using one of the following tools:
 - [Lakes and aquatic invasive species mapping tool](#)
 - [Lakes, Rivers and Wetlands with Aquatic Invasives](#)
4. Select the best [disinfection method for species present](#)



Invasive Species

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[Boat, Gear and Equipment Decontamination and Disinfection](#)

[Wake Boat and Ballast System Prevention Practices \(PDF\)](#)

[Clean Boats, Clean Waters](#)

[Invasive Species Best Management Practices](#)



AQUATIC AND WETLAND INVASIVES SPECIES MONITORING

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring program is a collaboration of citizens, partners and the DNR to find, report, map and survey invasive species. The program is guided by species identified in [NR 40, Wis. Adm. Code](#).

This monitoring effort detects new invasive species so the DNR can be alerted and stakeholders can respond appropriately. The DNR collects this data to know what methods trained citizens and partners use when actively looking for invasive species. All records are screened by the DNR and every new invasive species occurrence is verified and appears on the DNR website (see the "Location" section below).

For surveillance monitoring, a report of "no invasive species" at a location is just as important as finding invasive species. Knowing how often our monitors are looking for species and what they are or are not finding is critical in understanding the spread of invasive species. These raw data are available in the [Surface Water Integrated Management System \(SWIMS\)](#) database.

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Below are links to protocols and forms used by DNR staff, consultants and partner organizations who participate in formal invasive species monitoring programs.

Lakes

Related Links

[Find a Lake](#)

[Lakes Topics A-Z](#)



[Lake Maps](#)

[Lake Water Quality Data](#)

Aquatic Invasive Species Contacts - Aquatic Invasive Species - Regional Biologist/Point of Contact

Location: Statewide



Contact	Organization	Location/Comments	Work Phone	Email
SHELBY ADLER	Wisconsin DNR	Adams, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lafayette, Monroe, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Vernon		
TYLER MESALK	Wisconsin DNR	Barron, Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Marathon, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Rusk, St. Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau, Wood		
PATRICK SIWULA	Wisconsin DNR	Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kenosha, Manitowoc, Marquette, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waushara, Winnebago	920-893-8552	
AMANDA SMITH	Wisconsin DNR	Brown, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca		



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[AIS Early Detection Protocol \(PDF\)](#)

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