

# 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



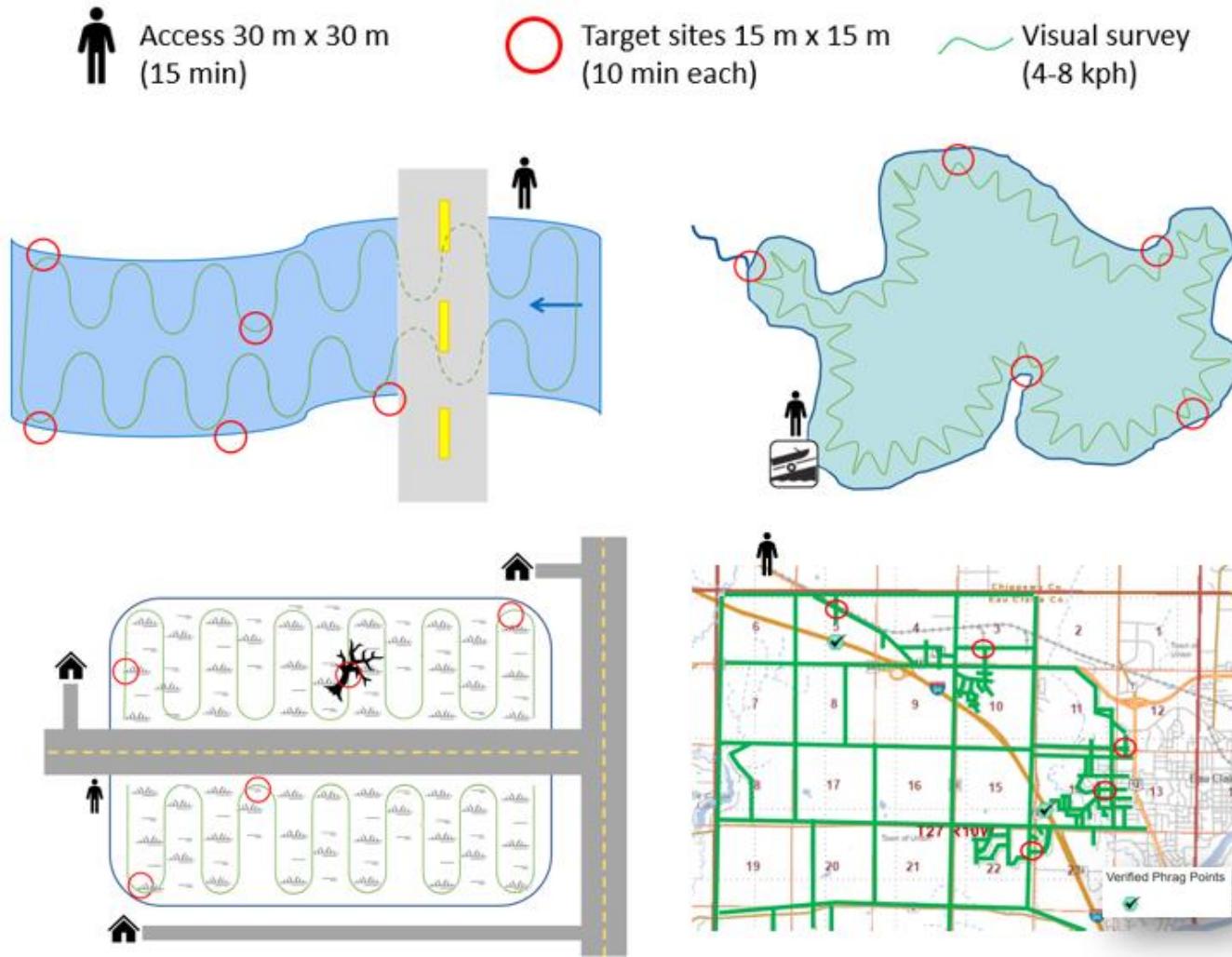
Consult NR40 for species targeted with emphasis on Prohibited



Network of DNR staff & partners



## Aquatic Invasive Species Early Detection Monitoring



# Design

- Access searches 30m x 30m for 15 minutes
- 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.



# Design

Lake Shoreline Distance (km) ( <a href="#">Lakes</a> , <a href="#">ROW</a> , <a href="#">SWDV</a> , <a href="#">Latzka 2015</a> )	Wetland Area (km <sup>2</sup> ) ( <a href="#">SWDV</a> , <a href="#">DNR 2016</a> )	Wadable Mean Stream Width (length) (m) ( <a href="#">Lyons et al. 1992</a> , <a href="#">DNR 2002</a> , <a href="#">DNR 2015a</a> , <a href="#">DNR 2015b</a> )	Non-Wadable Stream length (km) ( <a href="#">DNR 2016</a> )	Roadside Distance (km) (DNR 2018)	# Target Sites	Estimated Survey Time (hours)
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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 fact sheets 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>

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 <input type="radio"/>	Paid Hours (Hrs x PPL)	Volunteer Hours (Hrs x PPL)
Pathway	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 fact sheets to become familiar with aquatic and wetland invasive species: <a href="#">species tracked in SWIMS</a> . Did you look for all the species on the list? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Be aware of known AIS at the monitoring site to sample from least to most invaded and use appropriate <a href="#">disinfection method</a> . Use this space to list known species: _____								

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



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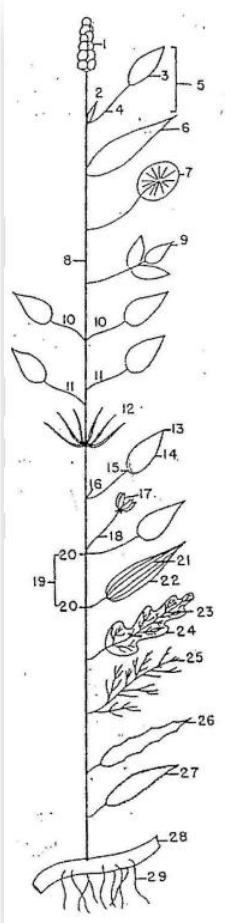
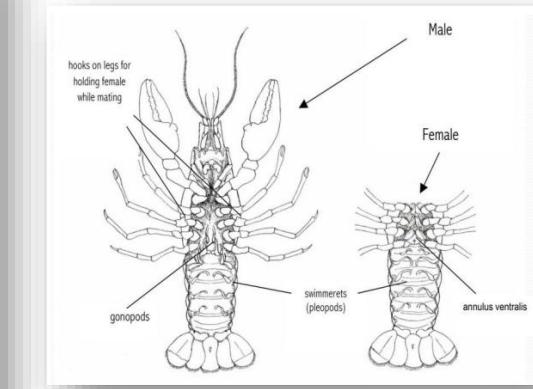
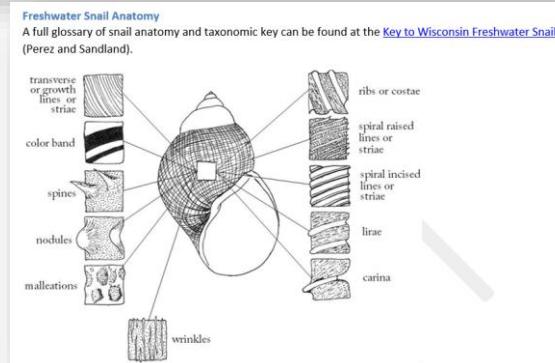
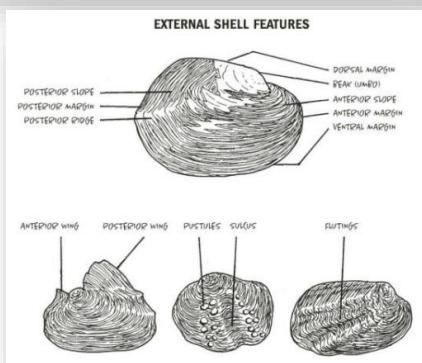
## APPENDIX A: Aquatic Invasive Species Occurrence Documentation Guidelines

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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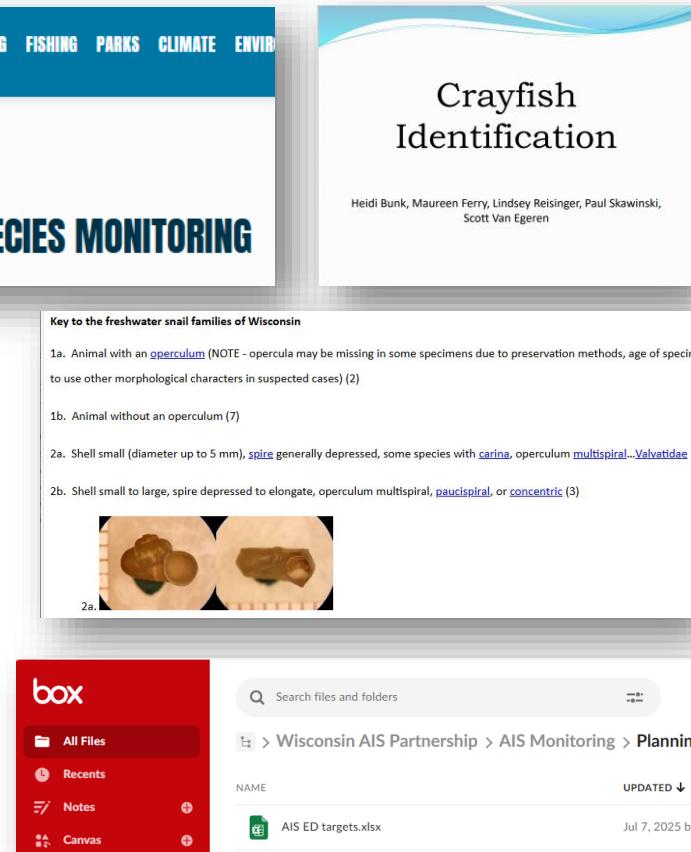
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TOPIC LAKES

## AQUATIC AND WETLAND INVASIVES SPECIES MONITORING

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 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)



## Crayfish Identification

Heidi Bunk, Maureen Ferry, Lindsey Reisinger, Paul Skawinski, Scott Van Egeren

Wisconsin Aquatic Invasive Species Early Detection Handbook (PDF exit DNR)

Aquatic and Wetland Invasive Species Identification Guide (multi-page) (PDF)

Aquatic and Wetland Invasive Species Identification Guide (one-page) (PDF)

Key to Wisconsin Freshwater Snails (exit DNR)

Wisconsin Crayfish Photo ID

## Identification

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

Title	Description
<a href="#">Chapter NR 40, Wis. Adm. Code</a>	Wisconsin Administrative Code chapter concerning invasive species identification, classification and control rule.
<a href="#">Understanding Invasive Species</a>	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.
<a href="#">Aquatic Invasive Species Identification Webinar Resources</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ <a href="#">Complete webinar recording covering all species (May 27, 2020) [Video Length 01:51:28]</a></li><li><a href="#">Presentation Slides [PDF]</a></li></ul> For ease of viewing, segments for different species groups covered in the complete webinar have been broken out below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ <a href="#">Submersed plants [video Length 00:42:01]</a></li><li>▶ <a href="#">Aquatic animals [video Length 00:23:24]</a></li><li>▶ <a href="#">Riparian plants [video Length 00:25:42]</a></li><li>▶ <a href="#">Nearshore upland plants [video Length 00:18:32]</a></li></ul>
<a href="#">Wisconsin Aquatic Invasive Species Early Detection Handbook (PDF exit DNR)</a>	Handbook for Citizen Lake Monitoring Network AIS monitors. Includes photos and descriptions for identification.
<a href="#">Aquatic and Wetland Invasive Species Identification Guide (multi-page) (PDF)</a>	Multi-page identification guide to NR 40 invasive species in lakes, streams and wetlands. Includes common and Latin names, highlight key identifying characteristics, and distribution maps. Maps are current as of the publication date.
<a href="#">Aquatic and Wetland Invasive Species Identification Guide (one-page) (PDF)</a>	One-page identification guide for Chervil, Eurasian milfoil, and Eurasian watermilfoil in lakes, streams and wetlands. Includes common and Latin names, distribution maps. Maps are current as of the publication date.
<a href="#">Key to Wisconsin Freshwater Snails (exit DNR)</a>	Taxonomic key with photographs to identify Wisconsin freshwater snails.
<a href="#">Wisconsin Crayfish Photo ID</a>	Taxonomic key with photographs to identify Wisconsin crayfish, including some invasive species.



# Desktop Prep – Identify Monitoring Locations

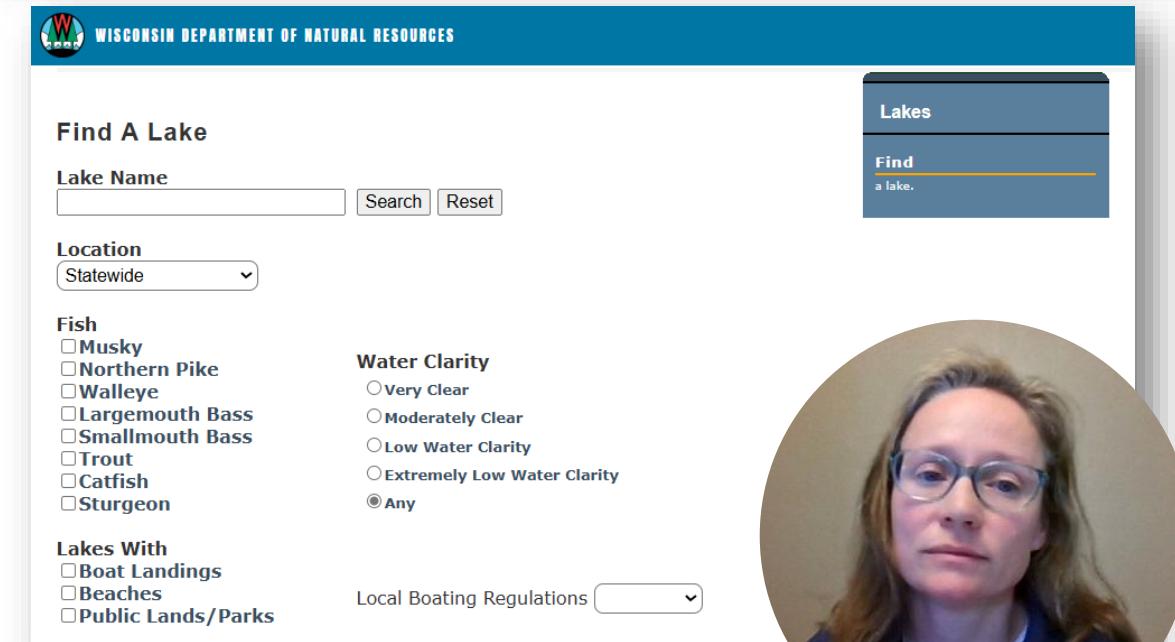
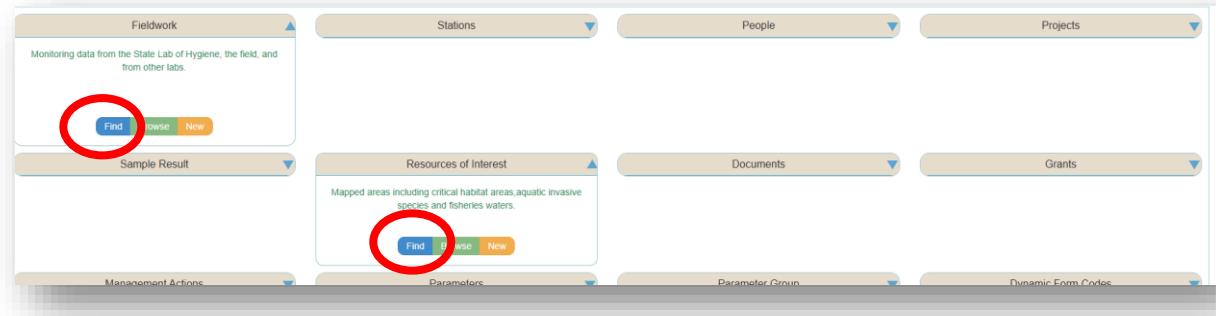
- Surface Water Integrated Monitoring Systems

<https://dnrmmaps.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



# 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**

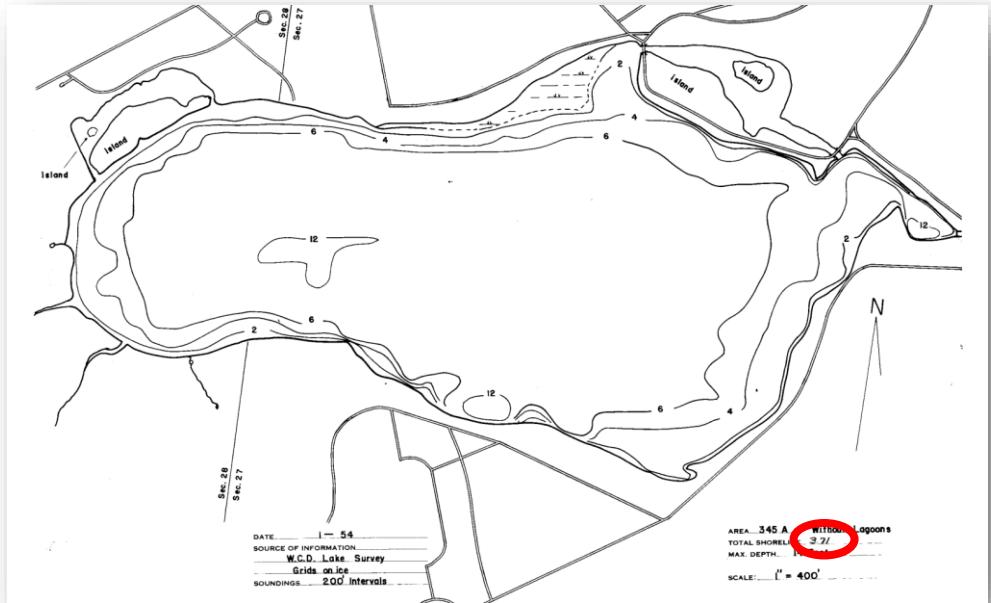
**Lake Organizations** [Friends Of The Arboretum \[exit DNR\]](#)

**Recreation**

**Beaches** 1

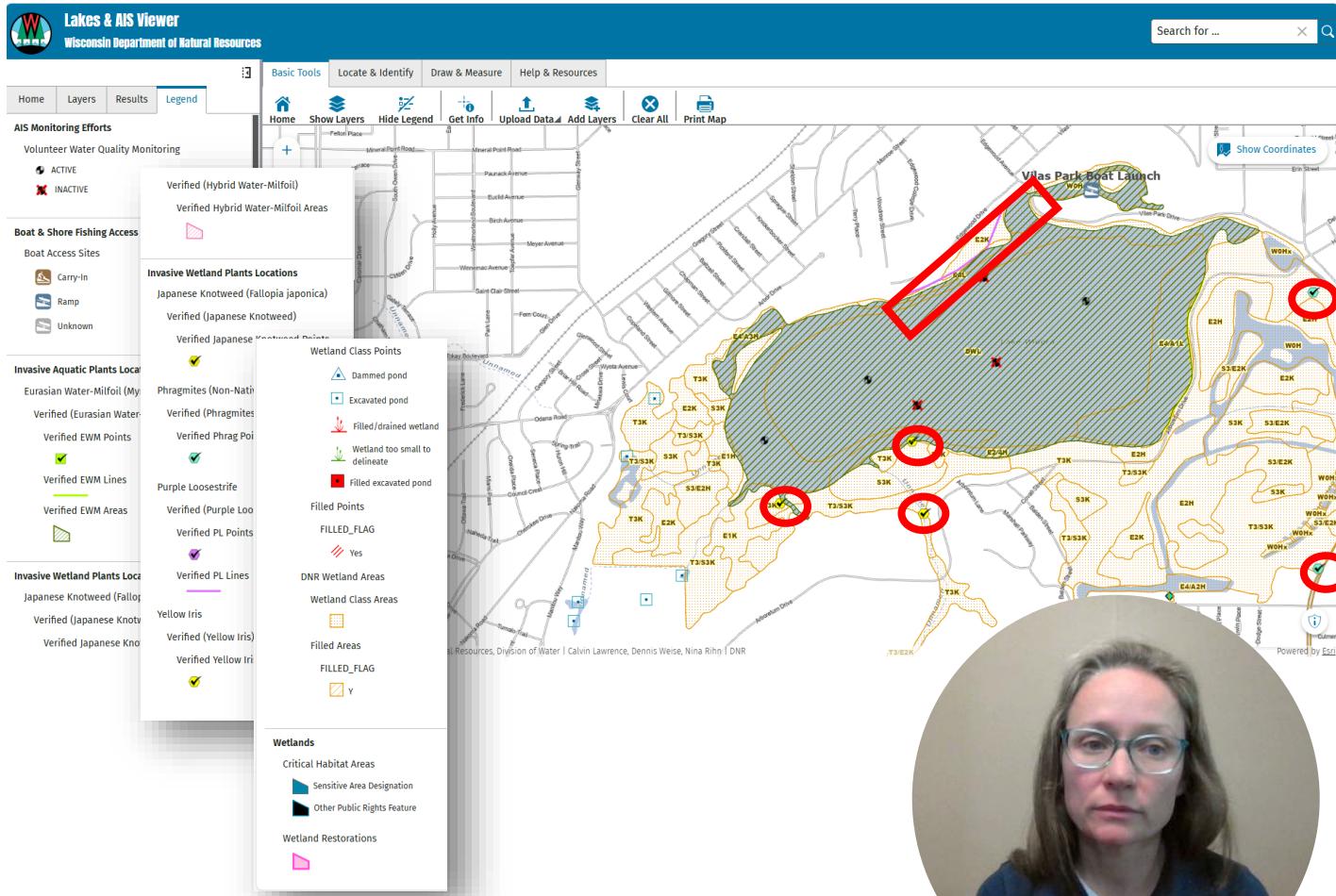
**Boat Landings** 1

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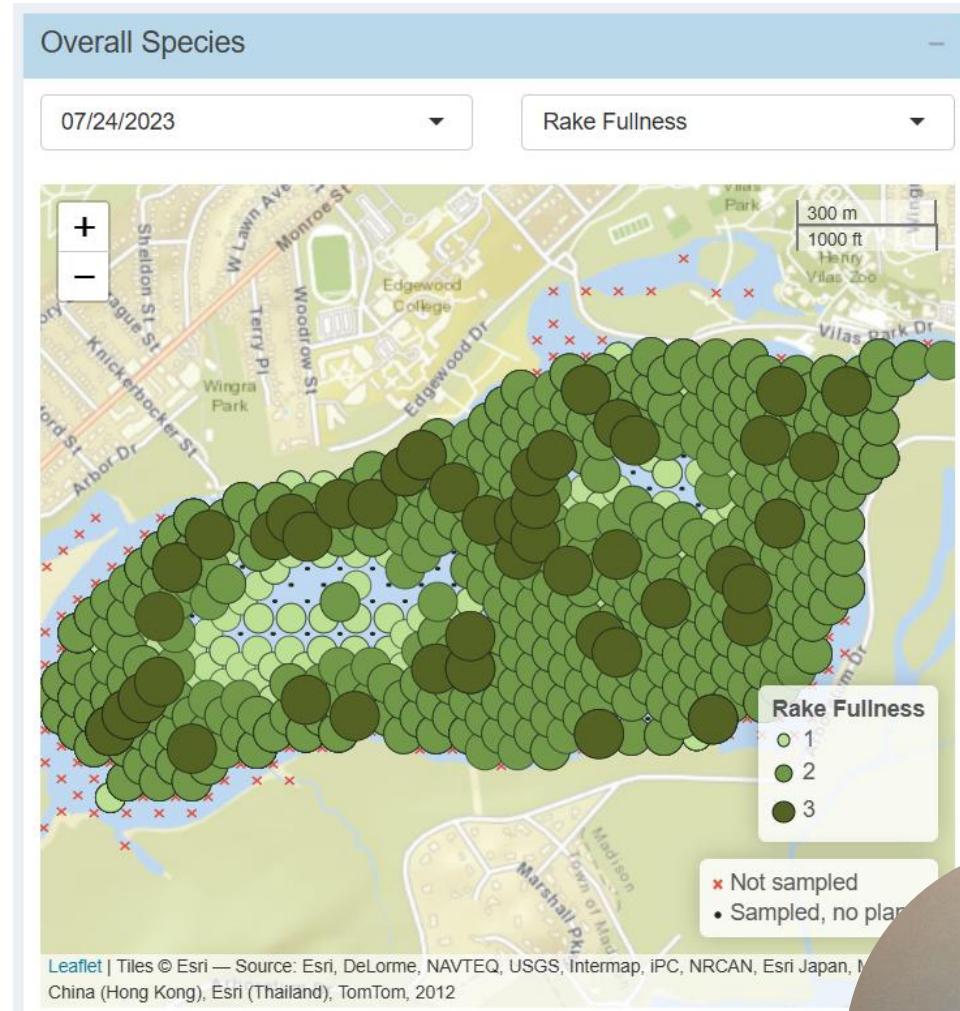
# Desktop Prep – Identify Access, Target, & Meander Sites with Mapping Resources

- Layers in Lakes & AIS Viewer  
[https://dnrmmaps.wi.gov/H5/?viewer=Lakes\\_AIS\\_Viewer](https://dnrmmaps.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
- Identify access & target sites apriori using mapping resources



# Field Monitoring Equipment

Table 2. Equipment list for completing early detection surveys on lakes, streams, wetlands, and roads. Equipment with a lighter shade of blue is optional.

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FIELD MONITORING EQUIPMENT					
Field identification guides					
<a href="#">Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Form (3200-154 R 04/2025) [PDF]</a> 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 ( <a href="#">Recommended Baseline Monitoring of Aquatic Plants in Wisconsin</a> )					
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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**Stainless steel sand scoop**  
**Ewoldt clam rake**



# 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								
County_Website_Link	GIS_Webmapping_Application(s)_Link	GIS_Download_Link (also see GeoData@Wisconsin)	Lidar_Download_Link (Inventory Map)	Real_Property_Lister_Link	Register_of_Deeds_Link	LIO – Click for Email	LIO_Phone	Light_Gray_Text = URL repeats from a previous column
Adams County GIS		Adams GIS Download	Adams Lidar	Adams RPL	Adams ROD	Ashland ROD	Sam Bortz 608-339-4206	
Ashland County GIS		Ashland GIS Download	Ashland Lidar	Ashland RPL	Ashland ROD	BrittanyGoudas-Weisbecker 715-685-2002	David Gifford 715-537-6375	
Barron County GIS			Barron Lidar	Barron RPL	Barron ROD	Scott Galetka 715-373-6156	Jeff DuMez 920-448-6480	
Bayfield County GIS		Bayfield GIS Download	Bayfield Lidar	Bayfield RPL	Bayfield ROD	Nathan Machula 608-685-6285	Jason Towne 715-349-2109	
Brown County GIS		Brown GIS Download	Brown Lidar	Brown RPL	Brown ROD	Andy Hess 920-849-1442x260	Doug Clary 715-726-7941	
Buffalo County GIS		Buffalo GIS Download	Buffalo Lidar	Buffalo RPL	Buffalo ROD	Derek Weyer 715-743-5131	John Grams 608-742-9882	
Burnett County GIS			Burnett Lidar	Burnett RPL	Burnett ROD	Gigi Collins 608-326-0221	Todd Violante 608-266-4021	
Calumet County GIS		Calumet GIS Download	Calumet Lidar	Calumet RPL	Calumet ROD	Dave Addison 920-386-3773	Zakry Schwartz 920-746-2391	
Chippewa County GIS			Chippewa Lidar	Chippewa RPL	Chippewa ROD	Zach DeVoel 715-395-1386	Rachel Wells 715-231-6514	
Clark County GIS			Clark Lidar	Clark RPL	Clark ROD	Zach Felling 715-839-7219	Donna Liebergen 715-528-3204	
Columbia County GIS		Columbia GIS Download	Columbia Lidar	Columbia RPL	Columbia ROD	Terry Dietzel 920-929-3135		
Crawford County GIS			Crawford Lidar	Crawford RPL	Crawford ROD			
Dane County GIS		Dane GIS Download	Dane Lidar	Dane RPL	Dane ROD			
Dodge County GIS			Dodge Lidar	Dodge RPL	Dodge ROD			
Door County GIS			Door Lidar	Door RPL	Door ROD			
Douglas County GIS		Douglas GIS Download	Douglas Lidar	Douglas RPL	Douglas ROD			
Dunn County GIS			Dunn Lidar	Dunn RPL	Dunn ROD			
Eau Claire County GIS		Eau Claire GIS Download	Eau Claire Lidar	Eau Claire RPL	Eau Claire ROD			
Fond du Lac County GIS		Fond du Lac GIS Download	Fond du Lac Lidar	Fond du Lac RPL	Fond du Lac ROD			



# 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
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)	
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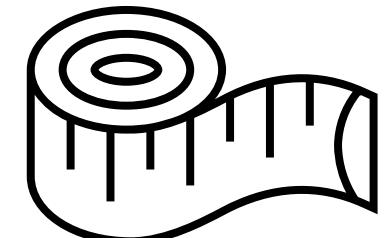
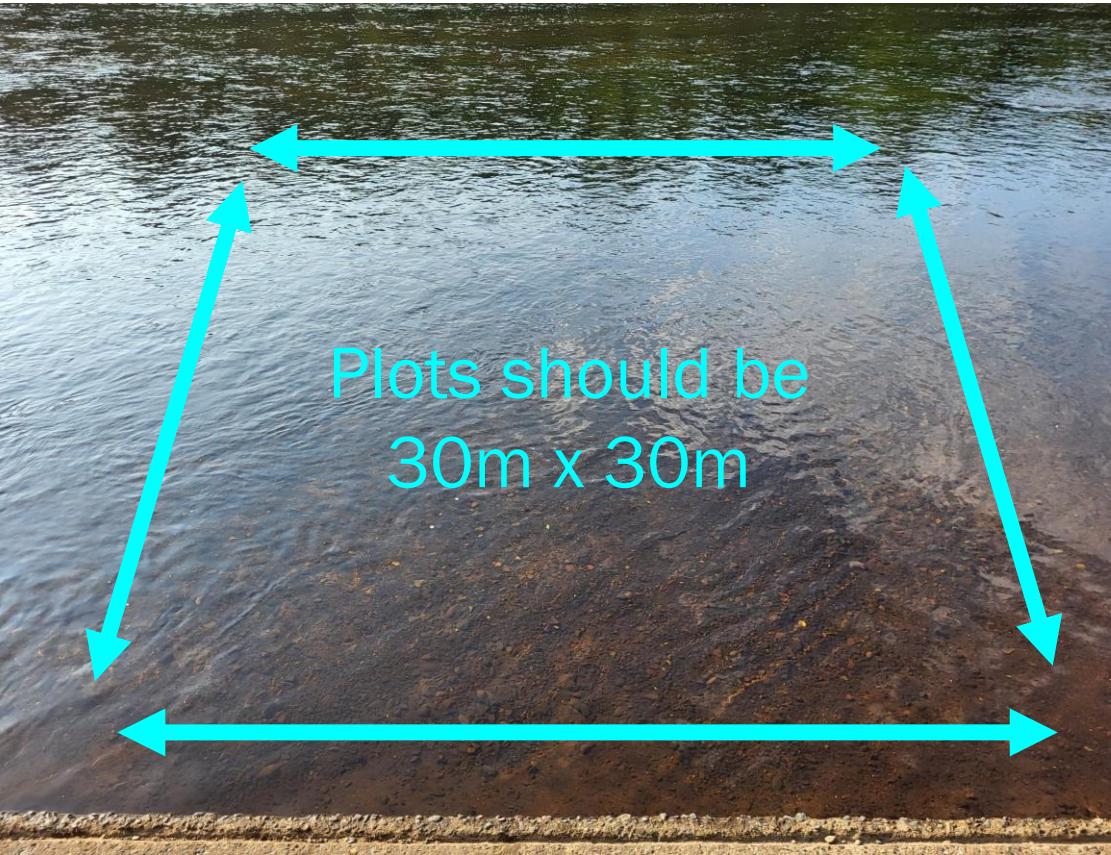
# Access Sites (15 minutes)

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

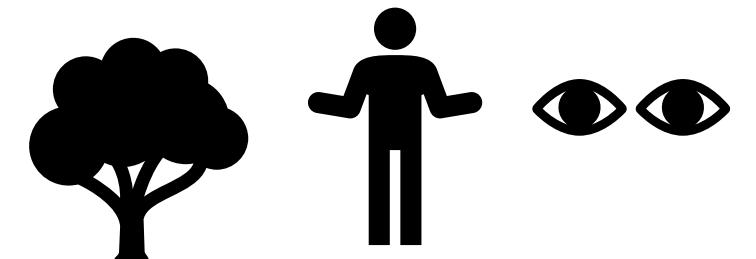




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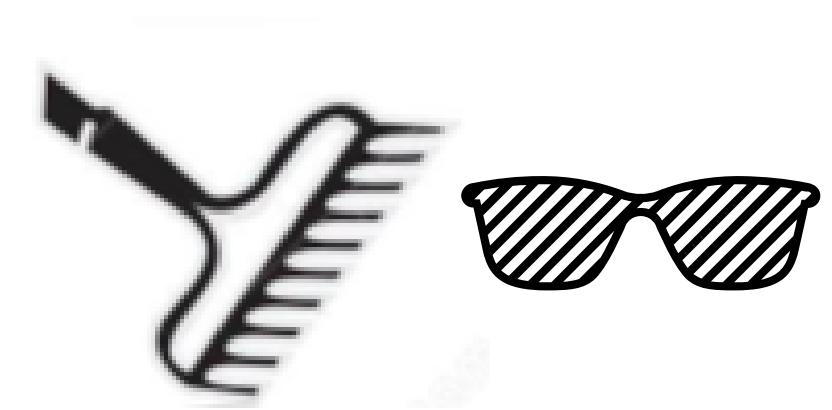
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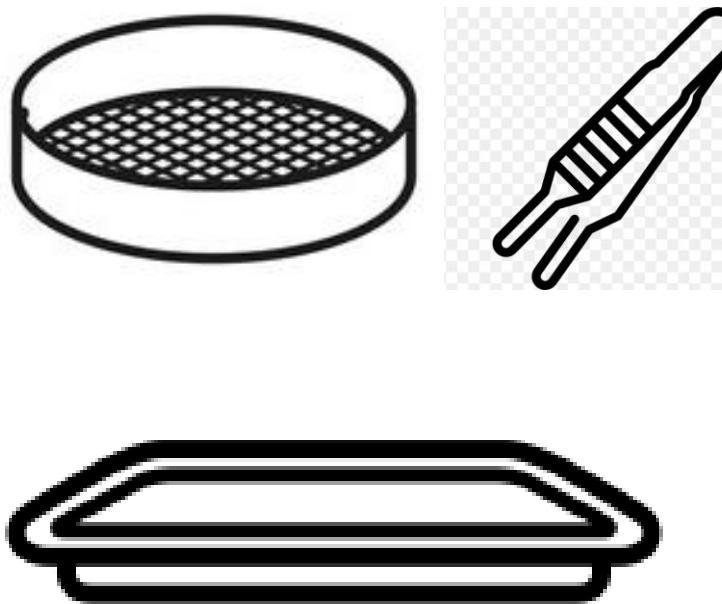
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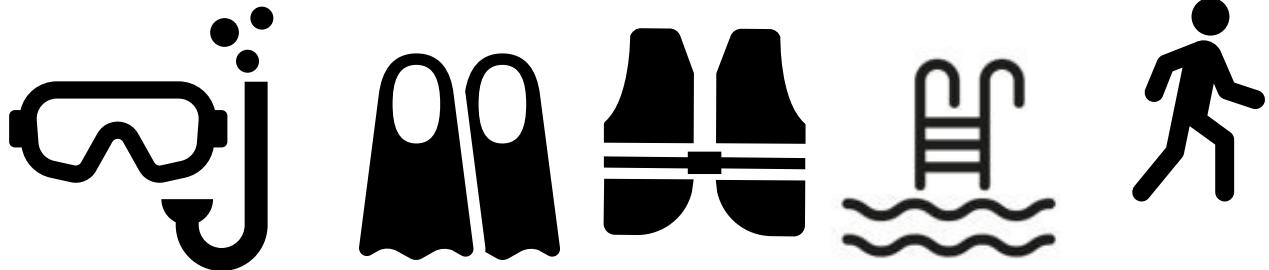
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# 3. Below Water Assessment (6 minutes)



# Target Sites (10 minutes)

1. Visually assess emergent vegetation (1 minutes)



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

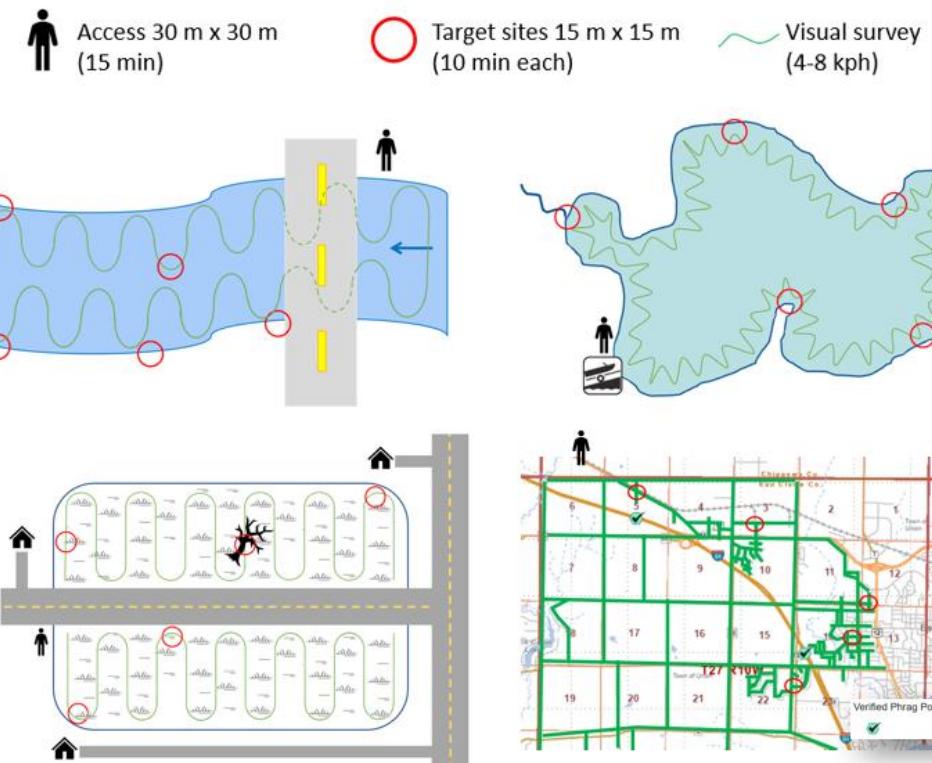
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*Lakes & non-wadable streams*

*Wadable streams*

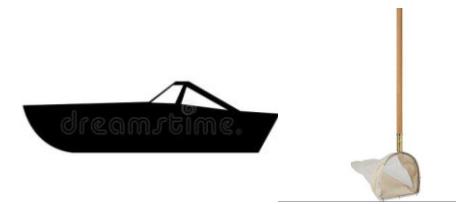
*Wetlands*

*Roadsides*



# Meandering Lakes & Non-Wadeable Streams

Meander slowly in a zig zag pattern between target sites surveying all habitats. In low visibility, use tools.

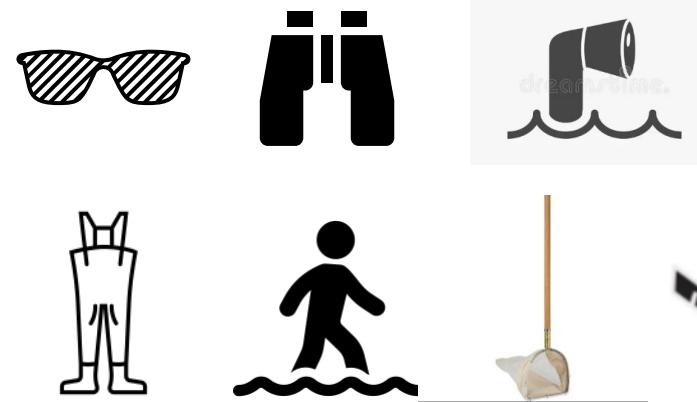


4-8 kph



# Meandering Wadable Streams

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0.0001-3 kph



# Meander Search

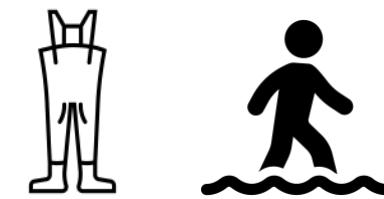
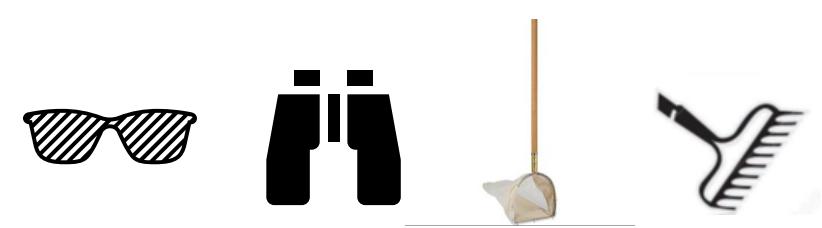
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*Lakes & non-wadable streams*

*Wadable streams*

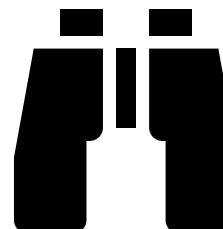
**Wetlands** 0.0001-3 kph

*Roadsides*



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***Roadsides***

**4-8 kph**



# Field Data Collection & Management

## STEP 2: Record the following.

- 1 Access (A), targeted site (TS), meander/incidental site (MS).
- 2 Record locations in decimal degrees.
- 3 Record whether AIS present (Y/N).
- 4 Species present. List each species on a separate row.
- 5 Density ratings: 1 - a few individuals (1-25), 2 - many small, scattered populations (25 – 500), 3 - dense population (> 500)

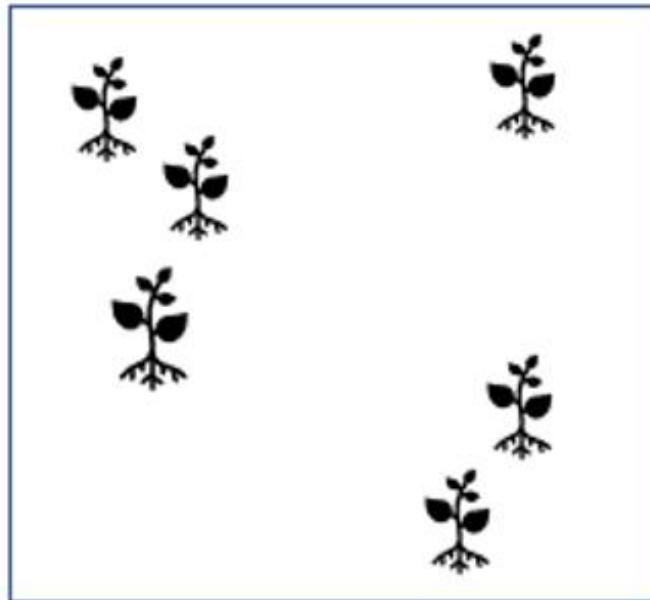
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Latitude <sup>2</sup>	Longitude <sup>3</sup>	Density <sup>5</sup>	Photo <sup>7</sup>	Specimen <sup>8</sup>	Comments <sup>9</sup>
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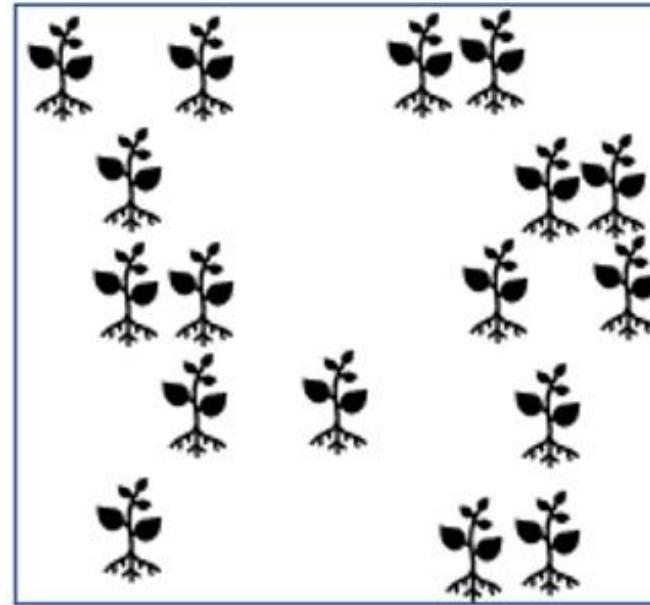
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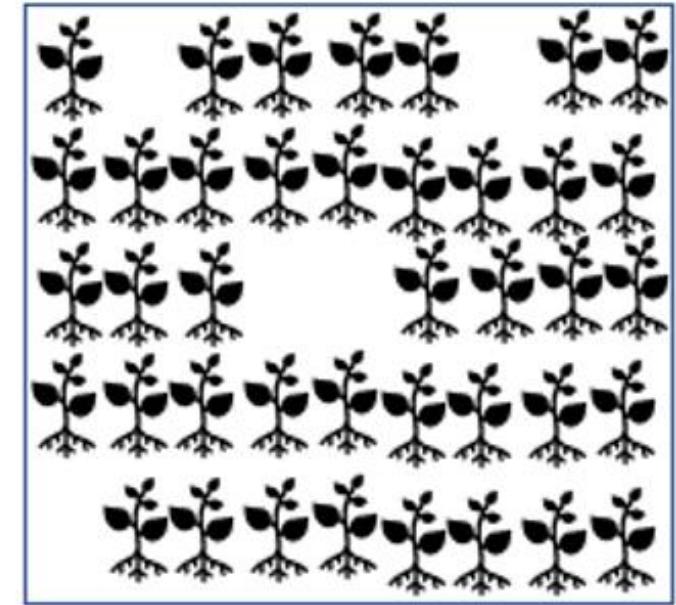
## Guide to Density Ratings.



1: few individuals (1-25)



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



3: dense population (>500)

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
Manitche Lake	10002458	Forest du Lac	Maxwell Peters, Patrick Sivula	7-12-23	10:15 PM	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	Natural <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	5.5	0

## STEP 1:

Review species fact sheets 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

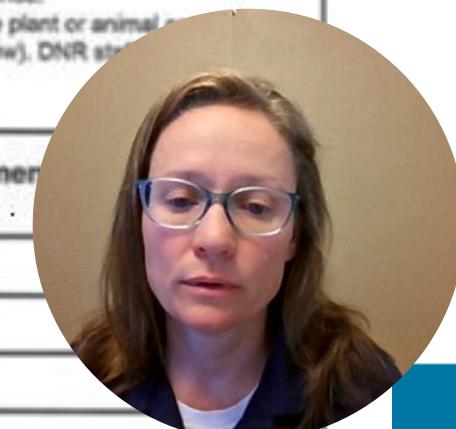
Be aware of known AIS at the monitoring site to sample from least to most invaded and use appropriate [disinfection method](#).

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)

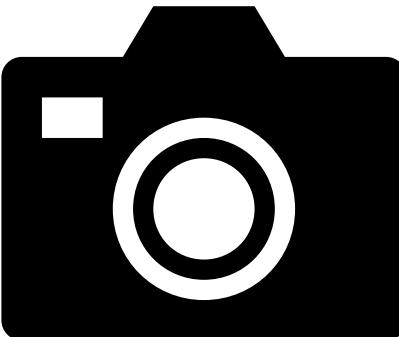
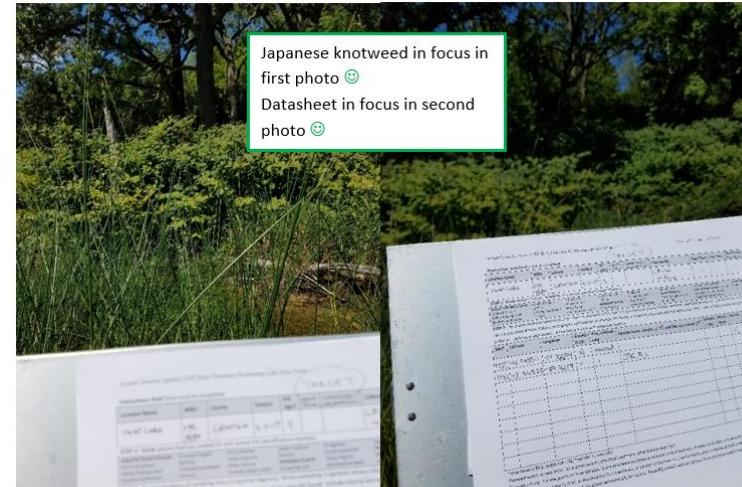



Figure C2. Two landscape photos of monitoring site – one photo with plant in focus and one photo with complete datasheet in focus.

**Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Early Detection Monitoring Lake Data Form**

**Instructions:** Bold fields must be completed.

Location Name	WBIC	County	Date(s)	AIS sign?	Secchi (ft or m)	Conductivity (2M $\geq$ 99 umhos/cm)	Collector(s)
Herby Lake	2463900	Polk	6-9-15	Y	2M	137	JW BE

**STEP 1:** Circle species that you looked for and review the Identification Handout.

AQUATIC PLANTS/ALGAE	European frogbit	Parrot feather
Starry stonewort	Hydrilla	Water hyacinth
Yellow floating heart	Curly leaf pondweed	Water lettuce
Brazilian waterweed	Fanwort	Eurasian water milfoil

**STEP 2:** List locations of sampling sites (in decimal degrees) for each site. Record none. Collect plant samples of a species if its viability is appropriate. If no, indicate why.

Site*	Latitude	Longitude	Snow (Y/N)	If no, indicate why
BL	45.4906	92.64168		CLP 1
TS1	45.582742	92.61381		CLP 1
TS2	45.58775	92.64010		CLP 1
TS3	45.58633	92.63582		CLP 1
TS4	45.58851	92.63375		CLP 1
TS5	45.58859	92.63567		CLP 2

**Plant and datasheet in focus 😊**  
**Datasheet is complete 😊**  
**Plant is spread out 😊**



# Specimen Labels

- Appendix A
- Stand alone PDF
- Polyester paper

Species:			
Station/Location Name:			
County:			
Latitude, longitude:			
Collector(s):			
Date:			
Habitat:			
Associated species:			
PRESERVATIVE: <input type="checkbox"/> Denatured ETOH <input type="checkbox"/> Pure ETOH <input type="checkbox"/> None			
PRESERVATIVE %: <input type="checkbox"/> ETOH 95% <input type="checkbox"/> ETOH 70% <input type="checkbox"/> ETOH _____ %			





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**Data Collectors\*:**

Maureen (Ferry) Kalscheur, Addie Sch [Find Data Collector](#)

**Station\*:**

Lake Wingra - Lake Wingra [Find Station](#)

**Start Date\*:**

05/16/2025

**Start Time (HH:MM AM/PM)\*:**

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**Fieldwork Comment:**

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

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Scattered patches on shoreline.





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**Start Date Time:** 05/12/2025  
**Station:** Anderson Lake  
**Form Code:** AIS\_MON\_21

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	Total Volunteer Hours Spent			AIS_EDD_2019
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Pathway Monitored:	Road & Transportation	▼		AIS_EDD_2019
Pathway Monitored:	Canal, Dam, Division	▼		AIS_EDD_2019
Pathway Monitored:	Recreation	▼		AIS_EDD_2019
Pathway Monitored:	Organisms In Trade	▼		AIS_EDD_2019
Pathway Monitored:	Natural	▼		AIS_EDD_2019
AIS Sign:	AIS Sign Present?	▼		AIS_EDD_2019
	Did you look for all the species on the list?	▼		AIS_EDD_2019

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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



## STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!™

Prevent the transport of nuisance species  
Clean all recreational equipment.

[www.ProtectYourWaters.net](http://www.ProtectYourWaters.net)





# 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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## Additional Resources

[Boat Transportation and Bait Laws](#)

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[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
<a href="#">SHELBY ADLER</a>	Wisconsin DNR	Adams, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lafayette, Monroe, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Vernon		<a href="mailto:Shelby.adler@wisconsin.gov">✉</a>
<a href="#">TYLER MESALK</a>	Wisconsin DNR	Barron, Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Marathon, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Rusk, St. Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau, Wood		<a href="mailto:Tyler.mesalk@wisconsin.gov">✉</a>
<a href="#">PATRICK SIWULA</a>	Wisconsin DNR	Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kenosha, Manitowoc, Marquette, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waushara, Winnebago	920-893-8552	
<a href="#">AMANDA SMITH</a>	Wisconsin DNR	Brown, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca		<a href="mailto:Amanda.smith@wisconsin.gov">✉</a>



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