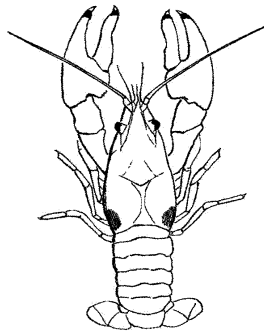


## Town Lakes Committee

The Lac du Flambeau Town Board created the Town Lakes Committee (TLC) in 2005, charging it to protect the lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). The TLC includes local citizen volunteers who promote lake stewardship through education and action. The TLC has set five goals focusing on AIS:

- Educate and Communicate
- Prevent AIS Infestations
- Monitor the Lakes
- Manage Infestations
- Focus on the Future



Rusty crayfish

Attend a TLC meeting! The Committee meets on the third Wednesday of every month, April through October from 10:00 AM—Noon at the Lac du Flambeau Town Hall (109 Old Abe Road).

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### *How can you support lake stewardship?*

In addition to attending TLC meetings, plan to attend one or all four of the following activities.

**6/14/08 Lakes Fest.** Sponsored by the LDF Tribe, the Lakes Fest includes numerous activities to inform the public about natural resources and ways to protect them—downtown Flambeau, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

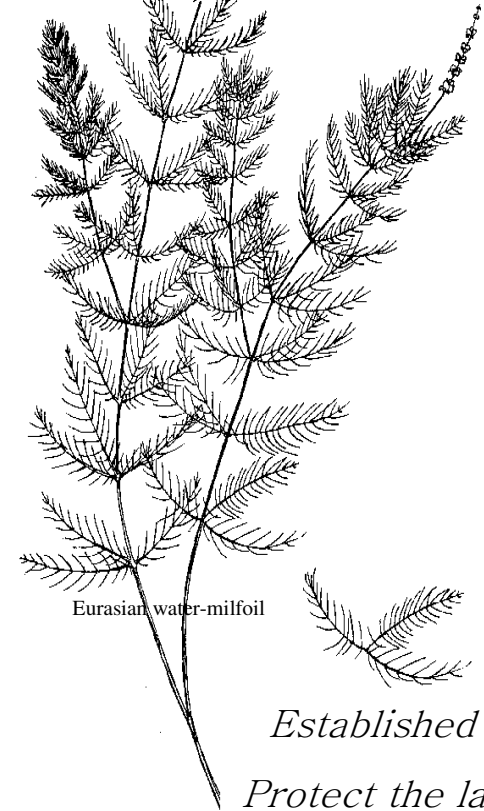
**6/17/08 Hear Dr. Timothy Kratz.** Director of the University of Wisconsin—Trout Lake Station, Dr. Kratz will speak about lakes in the northwoods, how and why they are changing. LDF Public School auditorium, 1:00 pm. Open to the public.

**6/19/08 Watercraft Inspection and Identification of Aquatic Invasive Species.** Learn how to identify AIS, inspect watercraft, and monitor the lakes at this workshop sponsored by the TLC—LDF Town Hall, 9:00-11:30 am. Costs covered by grant. **Call 715-588-3358 to register.**

**7/16/08 Establishing a Lake Association.** Learn how to establish a lake association at this meeting sponsored by the TLC—LDF Town Hall, 1:00-2:00 pm. Costs covered by grant. **Call 715-588-3358 to register.**

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## Lac du Flambeau TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE



Eurasian water-milfoil

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# Aquatic Invasive

## Species (AIS) –

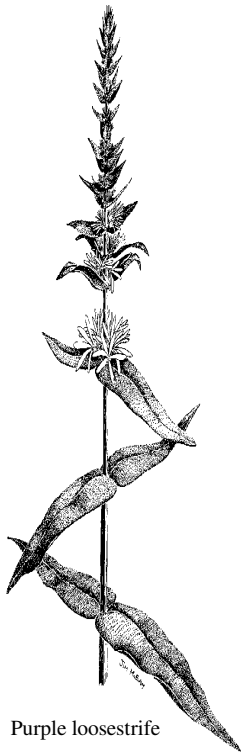
### What are they?

They can be pushy. They can be nuisances. Sometimes, they can even be dangerous.

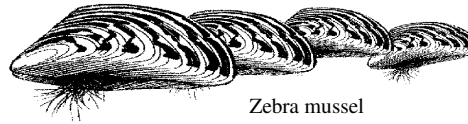
AIS are non-native plants and animals that are entering our ecosystem and threatening plants and animals that are native to our lakes and lands.

They take over new waters and lands because their natural predators are not present or the native species lack the ability to compete with them or hide from them.

Six of the over 100 AIS currently in Wisconsin are either in the waters of Lac du Flambeau or waters nearby: Eurasian water-milfoil, curly-leaf pondweed, purple loosestrife, zebra mussel, rusty crayfish, and spiny water flea.



Purple loosestrife



Zebra mussel

### Where do they come from?

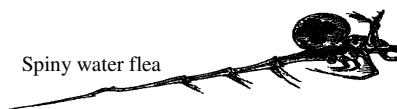
In addition to the rusty crayfish, native to the Ohio River Valley, the AIS that threaten Lac du Flambeau travel to the Great Lakes from Europe and Asia in the bilge water of ships.

From there they hitch rides further and further inland in bait buckets and bilge water and on boat motors and trailers.

### Why should you care?

Protecting the pristine nature of the lakes, fishery, and all the wildlife that depends on the quality of the lakes should be reason enough.

Moreover, the Lac du Flambeau area affords vacationers and residents a full range of water sport activities such as world-class fishing, boating, swimming, and water-skiing. AIS threatens all of these.



Spiny water flea

### What should you do?

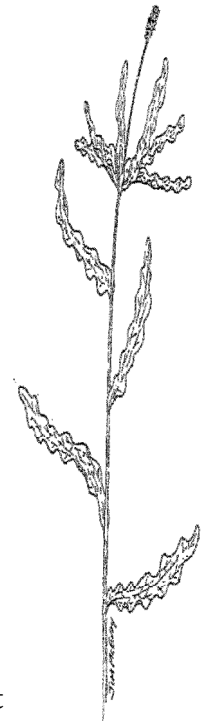
Be a lake steward! You can support the effort to combat AIS in the following significant ways:

#### Keep your boat and trailer clean.

A) Remove and dispose all visible aquatic plants and mud before entering the water and after leaving the water. B) Drain water from the live well, bilge, and bait containers before leaving the landing yet away from the shore. C) Wash your boat thoroughly to remove or kill AIS that are not visible.

**Keep looking.** Become familiar with what AIS look like and, while enjoying the water, continually check for aquatic plant or animal life that appear out of the ordinary. Do not be reluctant to call the Town Hall (715-588-3303) or Tribal DNR (715-588-3303) anytime you believe you have spotted AIS.

**Keep learning.** Attend the Lakes Fest and the workshops noted on the back page of this brochure.



Curly-leaf pondweed