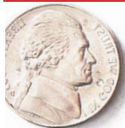


Invasive Species



Starry stonewort (*Nitellopsis obtusa*)

Characteristics:

- Macro-alga
- Bright green branchlets can be highly variable in length and are arranged in whorls around stem
- Star-shaped bulbils attached to clear root-like filaments (pictured with penny)



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To report invasive species:

Wrap plant in wet paper towel, place in sealed plastic bag, chill or refrigerate, and contact the Minnesota DNR at www.mndnr.gov/ais or 651-259-5100.



Native Species

Beneficial to the environment



Three Common Macro-Algae

Characteristics (compared to invasive starry stonewort):

- Smaller in diameter, due to shorter branchlets
- No bulbils
- Share similar habitats, often found together

Prevent the spread of invasives:

- ✓ **Clean** aquatic plants and invasive species from watercraft.
- ✓ **Drain** lake/river water from all equipment. Keep drain plugs out during transport.
- ✓ **Dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash.



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