

Top 5 Highveld Water Invaders

Invasive Alien Aquatic Plants are a threat to water security and the functioning of natural ecosystems. IAPs remove up to 3.3 billion cubic metres of water from our rivers and dams per year. They intensify the impacts of floods and fire and increase soil erosion. Aquatic IAPs also alter the pH of water, increase algal growth and cause fish kills by blocking out sunlight. Listed here are five of the worst aquatic IAPs in Gauteng. According to CARA (Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act No. 43 of 1983, these plants should not be propagated at all.

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Eichhornia crassipes



Eichhornia crassipes
(water hyacinth)

Arundo donax
(giant reed)

Salix babylonica
(weeping willow)

Populus X canescens
(grey poplar)

Azolla filiculoides
(red water fern)



Origin: **S. America**



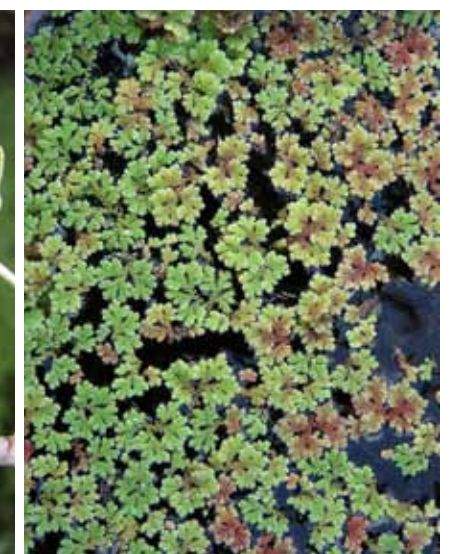
Origin: **Mediterranean**



Origin: **Asia**



Origin: **Europe & Asia**



Origin: **S. America**



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