

What Are These “Weeds”?

An Introduction to Chautauqua Lake’s Invasive Aquatic Plant Species

There are many aquatic plants living in Chautauqua Lake; Some of these are beneficial native species, while others are introduced species which can have negative repercussions on recreational, environmental, and economic aspects of the lake. **A series of free public programs are being offered to help people learn how to differentiate between plant types and learn what we as individuals and as a community can do to prevent the spread of invasive species in Chautauqua Lake.** Early identification of target species, combined with quick, focused actions, can prevent an outbreak from becoming unmanageable. These free programs focus on public education and the future development of an effective Early Detection Volunteer Taskforce. By providing easy-to-use educational materials and offering both basic informational and in-depth training sessions that are concentrated on the priority invasive species most likely to impact Chautauqua Lake in the near future, interested volunteers, homeowners, recreational lake users, professionals, and anyone who is interested can become part of an early detection monitoring network and contribute to improving the health and sustainability of Chautauqua Lake.

We hope you’ll join us!

Basic Informational Sessions

- **May 30th 7:00pm-9:00pm**
Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History, Jamestown NY
- **June 5th 6:00pm-7:00pm**
Lawson Center on Chautauqua Lake, Bemus Point, NY
- **June 9th 12:00pm-1:00pm**
Long Point State Park, Bemus Point, NY
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Chautauqua Marina, Mayville, NY

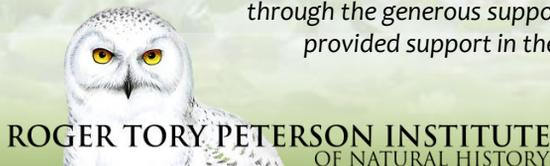
Citizen Science Trainings with Free Kayak Field Component (RSVP required)

- **May 25th 10:00am-4:00pm**
Carlson Community Center, Mayville Lakeside Park, Mayville NY
- **June 9th 10:00am-4:00pm**
Long Point State Park, Bemus Point, NY



For more information, visit <https://rtpi.org/what-are-these-weeds/>
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