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Common and Troublesome Weeds of Golf Course Ponds

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It has been said that the two types of ponds are those that have weeds and those that will have weeds. Small ponds are a great environment for nuisance aquatic plant growth because they typically have a high proportion of shallow areas that can easily be invaded by aquatic weeds.



Generally, small ponds also collect nutrients and receive high levels of sunlight, providing aquatic plants everything they need to survive and thrive. Many aquatic plants can be found in ponds, so correctly identifying aquatic plant species is critical to developing a management strategy. The species covered in this article are some of the most common and troublesome aquatic plants found across the different regions of the U.S.

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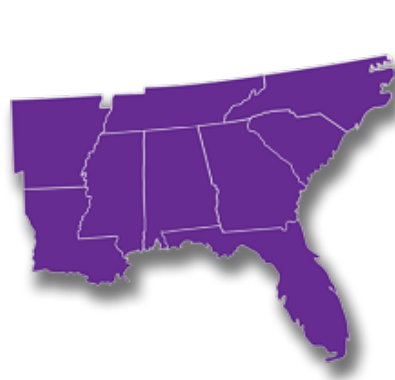
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