

Lake Weed Watcher Summary 2009 King County, Washington

**No new aquatic noxious weeds were found in King County small lakes again this year.
Thank you volunteers for all your hard work!**

In June 2009 King County Noxious Weed Control Program staff trained 36 volunteers on 18 small lakes to be Lake Weed Watchers. Volunteers learned how to identify the aquatic noxious weeds that are in the region and may show up in their lakes, as well as native look-alikes. 39 volunteers (trained volunteers plus assistants) on 15 lakes completed at least one lake survey between June and September. No new noxious weed infestations were reported



Recording existing purple loosestrife infestation

(several lakes have existing purple loosestrife or Eurasian watermilfoil infestations). In addition, trained volunteers on two others of the lakes, Spring Lake and Lake Wilderness, were involved in intensive weed survey and control work external to the Weed Watcher program (purple loosestrife on Spring Lake, Eurasian watermilfoil on both lakes).



Volunteers studying plant samples

Lake	# of volunteers	weeds reported
Allen	2	none
Beaver2	2	none
Desire	4	purple loosestrife, Eurasian watermilfoil
Holm	1	none
Kathleen	3	purple loosestrife
Leota	1	none
Marcel	2	Eurasian watermilfoil
Margaret	1	none
McDonald	2	none
Mirror	1	none
North	1	purple loosestrife
Sawyer*	15	Eurasian watermilfoil
Shadow	1	Eurasian watermilfoil
Star	2	Eurasian watermilfoil
Tuck	1	purple loosestrife

* At 279 acres, Lake Sawyer is by far the biggest lake in the Weed Watcher program and is divided into 12 sections to simplify surveys.

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