



Water Hyacinth

Water Hyacinth *(Eichhornia crassipes)*

Plant Particulars

- The damaging growth in one acre can weigh over 200 tons
- Reproduces by seeds and by budding (growth and breaking off) of new plants
- Incredibly fast growth rate means it can quickly clog waterways for animals, swimmers and boats

Population Prevention

- It can block sunlight and kill native submerged plants
- Can lead to eventual collapse of a habitat
- Fortunately many control methods have been developed
- Unfortunately constant control is needed to maintain freshwater habitats

