
EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL INFESTATION REPORT: Lake Tustin, Le Sueur County

MnDNR – Division of Ecological and Water Resources - Invasive Species Program

Lake: Tustin (40006100)

County: Le Sueur

Type of report: Eurasian watermilfoil – new infestation

Date of report: 9/15/2022

Date of inspection: 9/14/2022

Survey methods: Visual Inspection

Results: **CONFIRMED INFESTED**

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Summary:

On August 30, 2022, a DNR aquatic botanist reported suspected Eurasian watermilfoil in Lake Tustin discovered during a survey on August 10, 2022 (Photos 1-2). DNR Invasive Species staff followed up on the report on September 15, 2022 and confirmed Eurasian watermilfoil was present (Photos 3). The Eurasian watermilfoil observed was sparse to common in abundance and was distributed throughout much of the lake (Figure 1). Lake Tustin neighbors Lake Frances and Rays Lake which are already listed as infested with Eurasian watermilfoil.

Lake Tustin was not previously on the Designated Infested Waters list for any AIS and will be added as infested with Eurasian watermilfoil. The new occurrence is reported in EDDMapS under Record ID [10682099](#).

Photos 1-2: Eurasian watermilfoil specimens found by DNR Aquatic Biologist Courtney Millaway during a survey on August 10, 2022 in Lake Tustin. Leaflet pairs are >12, consistent with traits of Eurasian watermilfoil.



Photo 3: Eurasian watermilfoil confirmed in Lake Tustin during a follow-up survey by DNR Invasive Species staff on 9/14/2022.



Lake Tustin, Le Sueur Co.
Eurasian watermilfoil - New infestation survey 9/14/2022

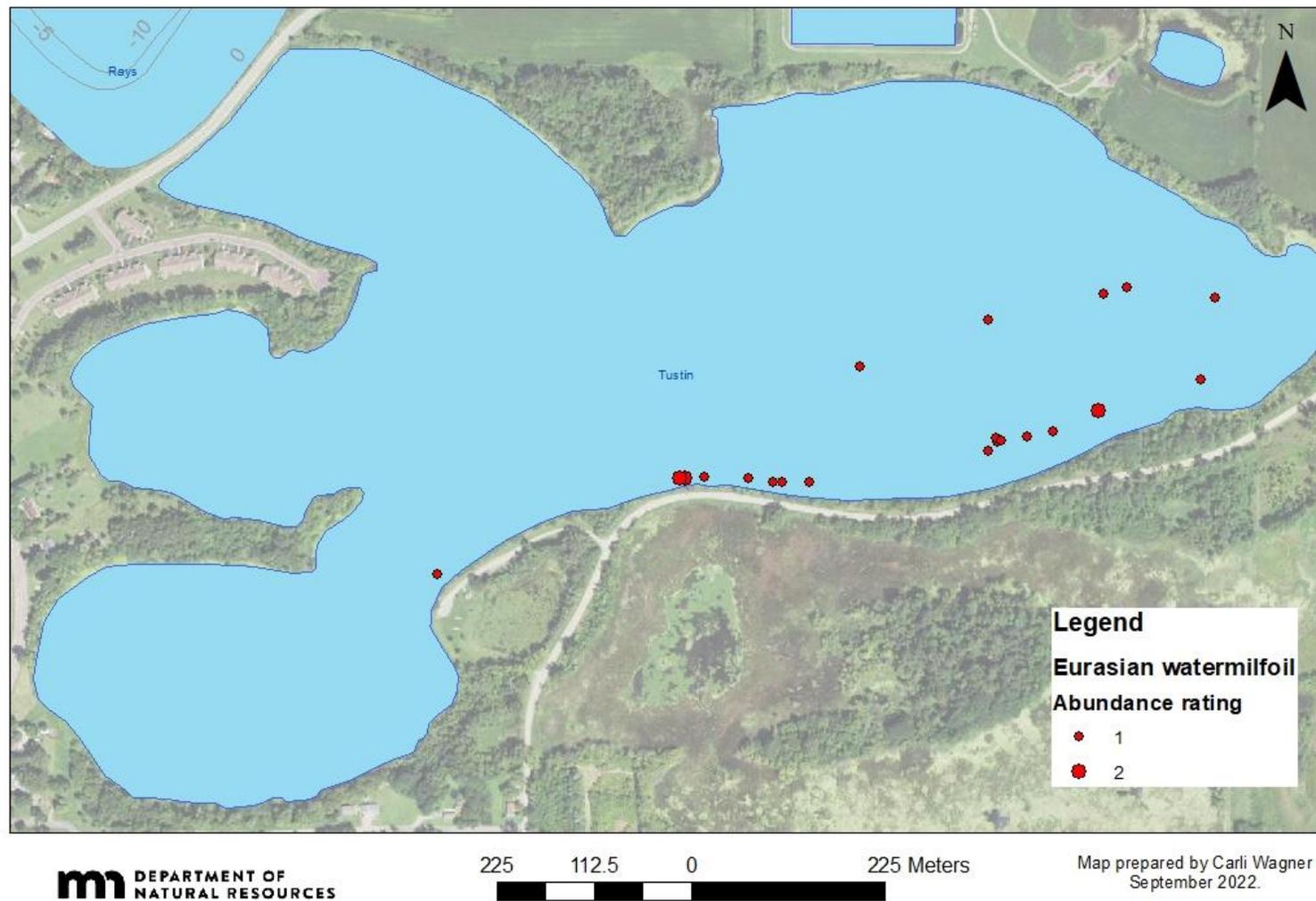


Figure 1: Eurasian watermilfoil presence in Lake Tustin. Eurasian watermilfoil was distributed throughout the lake and varied in abundance from sparse to common.