EFFECTS OF NYMPHOIDES PELTATA AND HERBICIDE TREATMENT ON MACROINVERTEBRATE COMMUNITIES IN LAKE CARL BLACKWELL

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Yellow Floating Heart (Nymphoides peltata)



- Aquatic bottom-rooted perennial
- Native to Eurasia and the Mediterranean
- Flowers from May through October
- Occurs in moderately cold temperate areas
- Prefers slow moving rivers, lakes, reservoirs and ponds
- Listed as Near Threatened on Japan Red List

Introduction

- Used as ornamental pond plant
- First reported as an introduced plant in 1870 in Sweden
- Introduced into North America in late 19th century
- First recorded in Oklahoma in 1935. Last occurrence in 1979
- Can be purchased online and shipped
- Seeds can attach easily to feathers and fur

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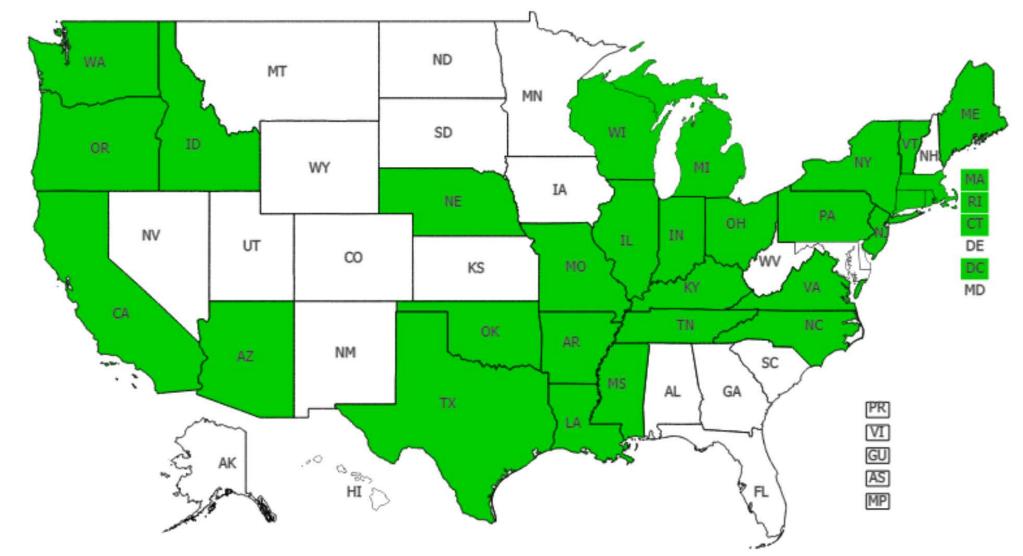


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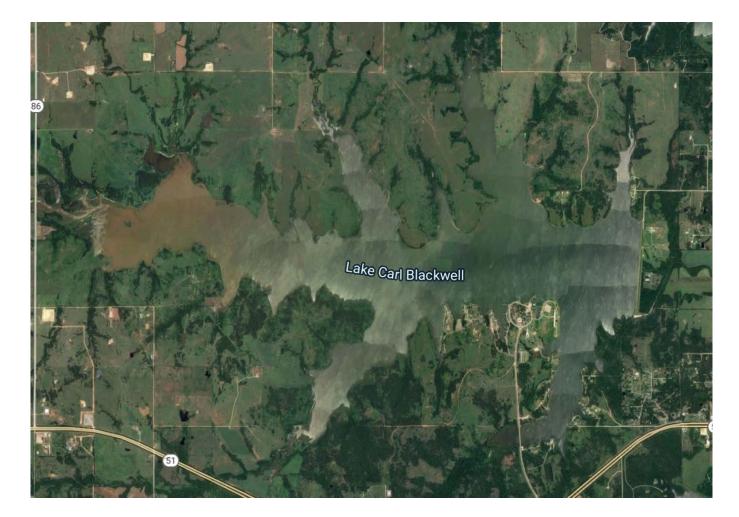
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EDDMapS. 2019. Early Detection & Distribution Mapping System. The University of Georgia - Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health. Available online at http://www.eddmaps.org

Lake Carl Blackwell



• Water source for OSU

 Reported in Lake Carl Blackwell as early as 2014

• Shows on aerial views as early as 2010

Invasiveness

- Grows in dense mats
- Reproduces prolifically through both vegetative and sexual means
- Can form a new plant from rhizomes, stolons, fragmented leaves or seeds
- Each plant is able to produce over 100 new plants in only 12 weeks
- Hard to distinguish



Treatment

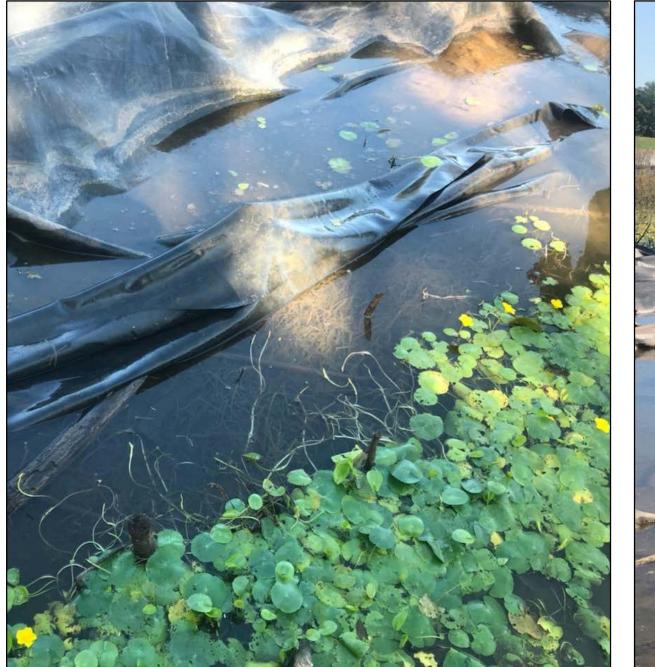
- Glyphosate
- Prevents the plants from making certain growth proteins
- Commonly used on terrestrial environments
- Applied by boat



How do we treat areas we cannot spray?

Glyphosate has a water intake setback requirement of ¹/₂ mile



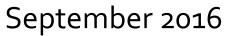




Effectiveness of treatment

- Effective glyphosate treatments were limited to the smaller infestations
- Ineffective on large infestations where the area could not be completely sprayed
- Requires an alternate herbicide use to ensure reduction of Yellow Floating Heart in Lake Carl Blackwell









October 2017

September 2018

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Treatment for 2019

- In 2019 treatment use will shift away from glyphosate and towards ProcellaCOR
- More effective using a lesser amount of herbicide
- Expected to take 3-4 treatments over emergent period
- Benthic matting at spillway will remain in place
- Glyphosate will be used to spot treat terrestrially growing Yellow Floating Heart
- Plant health will be monitored weekly

ProcellaCOR

- Postemergence herbicide
- High selective, systemic activity on multiple major US weeds
- EPA Reduced Risk Classification 100X or greater reduction in use rates versus older herbicides and excellent environmental profile
- No drinking water or recreational use restrictions
- No risk concerns for non-target wildlife; fish, birds, bees, reptiles, amphibians, or mammals
- Rapid dissipation

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June 13, 2017 – Yellow floating heart on day of treatment



Research Objectives

 Effects of the presence of Yellow Floating Heart in Lake Carl Blackwell on macroinvertebrate communities

• Effects of herbicide treatments on macroinvertebrate communities

• Will help show effects of ProcellaCOR on Yellow Floating Heart

How will we look at communities?

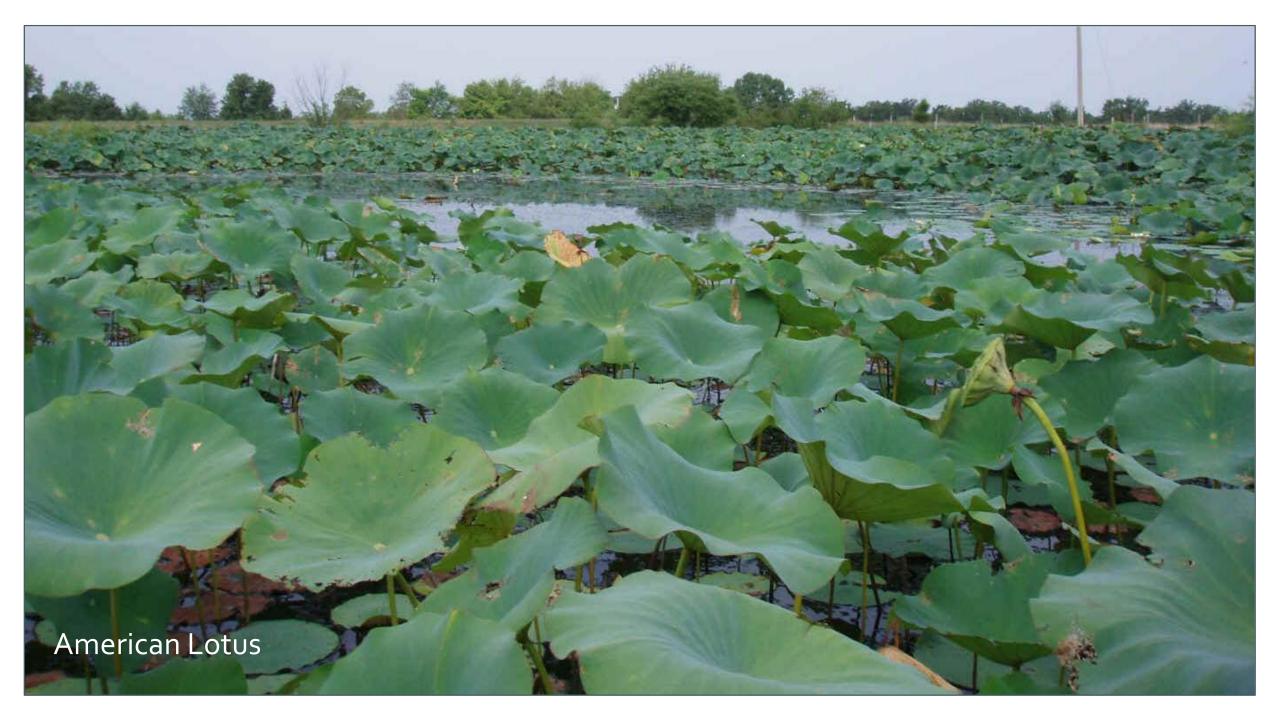
- Field sampling on Lake Carl Blackwell
- Mesocosms





Field Sampling Locations

- Two sprayed sites
- Benthic matting treated site (no spray)
- Native site (American Lotus)
- Yellow floating heart and American Lotus mixed site



Field Sampling

- Sorting samples
- Identifying individuals
- Diversity indices

Mesocosm studies

 Replicated mesocosms (~150 L) with sediment, YFH, and resident macroinvertrbrates

• Treated with Glyphosate

• Two different ProcellaCOR treatments one surface and one subsurface

• Controls (unsprayed)

Mesocosm studies

• Establish treatments – conduct experiment for at least 28 days

- Collect macroinvertebrates
 - Diversity, abundance, community structure

• Basic water quality

- Dissolved oxygen, pH, conductivity, chlorophyll a, nutrients
- Measure plant growth
 - Wet and dry biomass

What this will show us?

 Determine how the herbicide treatments affect macroinvertebrate community structures (diversity, density, etc.)

• Determine how herbicides affect plant growth

• If switching to ProcellaCOR is right decision

Conclusions

 Yellow Floating Heart invaded LCB and has increased acreage even after two years of herbicide treatment

• Different herbicide treatment options are needed

• Drinking water intakes must be considered during treatment

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QUESTIONS?