

This does not constitute a formal recommendation. When using herbicides always read the label, and when in doubt consult your farm advisor or county agent.

This is an excerpt from the book *Weed Control in Natural Areas in the Western United States* and is available wholesale through the UC Weed Research & Information Center ([wric.ucdavis.edu](http://wric.ucdavis.edu)) or retail through the Western Society of Weed Science ([wsweedscience.org](http://wsweedscience.org)) or the California Invasive Species Council ([cal-ipc.org](http://cal-ipc.org)).

*Elodea canadensis*

## Common elodea

**Family:** Hydrocharitaceae (water weed)

### NON-CHEMICAL CONTROL

<i>Biological:</i> grass carp	<b>E</b>
<i>Cultural:</i> benthic barrier	<b>G</b> if barriers are in place by early spring
<i>Cultural:</i> drawdown	<b>F</b> unless drawdown allows complete drying of sediments for several weeks. Seed may survive.
<i>Cultural:</i> shading	<b>P</b> Plants are well adapted to low light. (Some dyes can be useful if applied early and often)
<i>Mechanical:</i> cutting	<b>F</b> but will stimulate regrowth and fragments will spread the plant
<i>Mechanical:</i> hand pulling or vacuuming	<b>G</b>

### CHEMICAL CONTROL

The following specific use information is based on published papers and reports by researchers and land managers. Other trade names may be available, and other compounds also are labeled for this weed. Directions for use may vary between brands; see label before use.

<i>Dye:</i>		<i>Herbicide:</i>	
Aquashade	<b>P</b>	2,4-D	<b>E</b>
		Acrolein	NIA
		Bispyribac-sodium	NIA
		Copper formulations	<b>P</b>
		Diquat	<b>G</b>
		Endothall	<b>P</b>
		Flumioxazin	<b>G</b>
		Fluridone	<b>F*</b> partial control
		Glyphosate	<b>G</b>
		Imazamox	<b>E</b>
		Imazapyr	<b>E</b>
		Penoxsulam	<b>G*</b>
		Triclopyr	<b>G*</b>

- E** = Excellent control, generally better than 95%
- G** = Good control, 80-95%
- F** = Fair control, 50-80%
- P** = Poor control, below 50%

- Control includes effects within the season of treatment.
- Control is followed by best timing, if known, when efficacy is **E** or **G**.
- \*** = Likely based on results of observations of related species
- NIA = No information available

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