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Alaska Committee for Noxious & Invasive Plants Management

## Upcoming Events

### [Weeds Across Borders Conference](#)

October 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Ottawa, Canada

### [Alaska Invasive Species Conference](#)

October 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Anchorage, AK

### [The Tenth Meeting of the Continental Dialogue on Non-Native Forest Insects and Diseases](#)

November 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Charlotte, NC

### [National Invasive Species Awareness Week](#)

February 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Washington D.C.

## Media Spotlight

[Turning to Darwin to Solve the Mystery of Invasive Species](#)

[Alien Invasion](#)

[Overseas Trade Alters a Lizard's Stocks](#)

[Minnesota Lake First in Nation to use New Product to Kill Zebra Mussels](#)

[Elodea Found at Alexander Lake - Media Release](#)

[Wind Carries Insidious Exotic Plant Seeds](#)

[Galapagos Podcast](#)

[Elodea video on KTVA](#)

[Invasive Species and Salmon: Interactions in the Pacific Northwest](#)

[How to Control Invasives? Put a Fork in Them!](#)

[Making a Difference One Weed at a Time](#)

[USDA Makes \\$5m in Farm Bill Support for National Clean Plant Network Available](#)

## Meeting Minutes

[October 2014](#)  
[September 2014](#)  
[August 2014](#)

[July 2014](#)  
[June 2014](#)  
[May 2014](#)

## Nightmare Under the Surface!

# Register today!

Early Bird registration through Oct. 17  
[www.alaskainvasives.org](http://www.alaskainvasives.org)

## Alaska Invasive Species Workshop

### October 28 – 30

Anchorage Marriott Hotel



For more information, visit [www.alaskainvasives.org](http://www.alaskainvasives.org)

EAP is an AAASO employee and educational institution.

**NEW  
ELODEA  
INFESTATIONS  
CONFIRMED**

Elodea infestations have been confirmed in both Alexander Lake (in the Mat-Su Borough) and Bering Lake (in the Cordova area). For more information on this aquatic invasive plant visit <http://plants.alaska.gov/invasives/elodea.htm>

Please share this survey to help in our study efforts regarding the Elodea that was recently found in Alexander Lake:  
[www.surveymonkey.com/s/AlaskaElodea](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AlaskaElodea)

## Name this Plant:

This non-native plant was a recent topic of discussion and was found growing against a house in Fairbanks.

Do you remember its name?

Where else was it found?  
(answers on next page)



**Heather Stewart** has accepted the Division of Agriculture's **Invasive Plants and Agricultural Pest Coordinator Position.**

As most of you know, Heather has been working on many of the Division's projects within the Invasive Plant Program for the past 15 months and always brings great energy and a passion for good science to the work she does. Heather can be reached

at [Heather.Stewart@alaska.gov](mailto:Heather.Stewart@alaska.gov)  
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## AKEPIC Requests Your Data and Financial Support

The field season is wrapping up and AKEPIC would greatly appreciate your data and financial support! Because the work we do is largely dependent on your contributions (not so unlike your favorite public radio station), we like to have a clear picture of our incoming data and funding by the end of the calendar year. This is the first of several reminders you will receive in advance of this date.

### To submit data:

1. download the data entry form from our website (located at the lower right of the page): <http://aknhp.uaa.alaska.edu/botany/akepic/>
2. enter your data into this form
3. submit the data to [laflagstad@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:laflagstad@uaa.alaska.edu)

### To contribute funding:

If you are an active user of/submitter to AKEPIC, please consider making a contribution at the rate of \$1.50/per record. If you are interested in contributing less than \$1,000 or do not need a receipt for your contribution you are welcome to support us online at <http://aknhp.uaa.alaska.edu/support-our-program>. If you require an invoice, please contact Lindsey at [laflagstad@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:laflagstad@uaa.alaska.edu) to arrange payment.

# CNIPM JOINS SOCIAL MEDIA!

<https://www.facebook.com/AKinvasiveplants>

Be on the lookout for CNIPM's upcoming Facebook page!

## AKEPIC Data Portal Upgrades to New Platform

I am happy to announce the successful transition of the AKEPIC Data Portal (<http://aknhp.uaa.alaska.edu/maps/akepic/>) to the HTML5 platform. Aside from a slightly new look, I hope you will find the load time to be drastically improved. **Faster loading** is possible due to a binning algorithm which summarizes records within a hexagon at coarse scales. As you zoom in the hexagons will change to circles and you will be able to explore the individual records. Please also note that the 'Polygon tool' has replaced the 'Draw bounding box' function – we hope this allows you greater flexibility when delineating your area of interest. The base maps can be toggled under the 'Settings' dropdown at the top of the page.

We will continue to revise the site through the next few months so please let me know if you like or dislike aspects of the new portal and we will try to incorporate your suggestions. Again, I apologize that this transition caused the data portal to be unavailable for the last week, but hope that you find the improved functionality worth the wait. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me directly with questions, concerns, and comments; you can also comment through the 'Feedback' tab on the lefthand side of the map frame.

**Thanks again for your patience and continued use of AKEPIC!**

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(Answers to 'Name this Plant')  
*Echinochloa* / Barnyard Grass  
Timothy Hay Bale in Kodiak



## SAVE THE DATE

NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK 2015

February 22 - 28, 2015

Participate in events across the nation to raise awareness and identify solutions to invasive species issues at local, state, tribal, regional and national scales. Locate an invasive species event in your state or county. Plan your own event using the NISAW Toolkit - where and when it works for you!

Plan to attend 3 days of events during NISAW 2015 in Washington DC:

- NISAW Awards Ceremony
- Reception and Briefings on Capitol Hill
- Expert Webinars on prevention, early detection and rapid response and control
- Expert Webinar on USDA grants for work on invasive species
- Federal Agency Invasive Species Program "Open House"
- Invasive Species Kids Day

For more information visit: [www.nisaw.org](http://www.nisaw.org)  
or contact Chris Dionigi at [Chris\\_Dionigi@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Chris_Dionigi@ios.doi.gov)  
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