

# CORURGAN COMMENT

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PART 2 - Weeds



That time of year!

Welcome to the June 2025 Corurgan Comment.

This is **PART 2** of the online June 2025 Corurgan Comment.

The original June Corurgan Comment needed to be split because too many pictures make the size too large to upload onto our website.

## WEEDS!

Don't you just hate weeds!

I know Peter H, Ben, Craig, Peter B, Tony and Brett hate weeds.

So, if you see an infestation of weeds in your channel, please let Peter Hamilton or your Water Bailiff know, so we can jump on it straight away with a spray program.

We do continually spray, but 500klm is a big area to cover, so we need your help too.

**How do you know what to look for. Easy. Look at the photos.**



### Elodea (Common waterweed)

Elodea, also known as common waterweed, is a submerged aquatic plant often found in lakes, ponds, and slow-moving water. It's characterized by its long, thin, dark green leaves arranged in whorls around slender, branched stems. These leaves are semi-translucent and can vary in length, typically between 6-12 mm long and 2 mm wide.



### Ribbonweed Weed

Ribbonweed is a submerged plant with long, strap-like leaves reaching up to 3 m in length. They produce female flowers on a coiled stalk that are white on the first day then subsequently pink. The male flowers grow near the base of the plant and float to the surface at maturity.



### **Arrowhead (Sagittaria)**

Arrowhead is most visible in summer and dies back in winter. It grows in two forms. One form is beneath the water as a submerged rosette. The other form is an emergent plant up to 1 m tall above the waterline. Most seedlings appear in spring.



**Sagittaria** (*Sagittaria platyphylla*) is an emergent aquatic perennial to 1.2 m tall, rooted in the swamp floor and reproducing by seeds, rhizomes (underground stems) and tubers. The stems are triangular in cross-section. The submerged leaves are translucent and strap-like, to 50 cm long. The emergent leaves (those rising out of the water) are lance-shaped to 28 cm long and 10 cm wide, on a long stalk.



**Cumbungis** (*Typha* spp.) are robust, semi-aquatic perennial (long lived) herbs. Creeping branched rhizomes (spreading underground stems) terminate in upright, leafy aerial shoots that grow to about 3 m. The leaves are mainly produced from the base of each stem in two opposite rows. The lower part of each leaf is an open spongy sheath that envelops the stem. The leaf blade is slightly curved immediately above the sheath and flattens towards the end.

Peter hates those pesky weeds so much, he even spent a whole day with Murray Goulburn Water on 04.06.205 looking at their weeds and checking out their weed control program. So, help Peter out by letting him know if you think the weeds are starting to take over in your channel.

### **Friendly Reminder:**

The Board is responsible only for aquatic or submerged weed growth.

Noxious weeds on channel banks such as burrs etc. remain the responsibility of the landowner.

*Whilst the West Corugan Newsletter is primarily provided to keep Members informed of all water matters relating to the WCPID Scheme, you will note it also has a lighter side. It is this lighter side that should be read in the spirit for which it is intended and with 'tongue firmly planted in one's cheek'!* 😊 Debbie