



Often Confused with:

1. Bushy Pondweed
2. Widgeon Grass



Treatment Options:

1. Sonar—\$95/acft
2. ClearCast—\$90/acft
3. Aquathol K—\$115/acft
4. Aquathol granular—\$225/acft

Note: All prices are estimated and based on one acre foot of water and subject to change.

Sago Pondweed

Potamogeton pectinatus

Sago Pondweed can be identified by its seed clusters that form at or just above the water line and by its alternate leaf pattern. Sago pondweed is most commonly confused with Bushy Pondweed. The main difference is the leaf pattern. In fact the name “pondweed” typically refers to plants of the Potamogeton family; except in the case of Bushy pondweed which is not a “pondweed”

at all. Sago Pondweed may grow at any point in the season but shows the most growth during the early spring and late summer or fall. You will typically find this plant in clear shallow waters but may occasionally find sprigs growing in deeper



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water. Growth in the shallows will often reach the water’s surface and form dense mats. Seeds are often visible just above the water line when seeds are present. When seeds are not present finding the alternate leaf pattern is critical for proper identification.

The seeds and tubers of Sago Pondweed are a valuable food source of waterfowl. The submerged por-

Control of Bushy Pondweed

Sago Pondweed can be difficult to control. It produces massive amounts of seed and tubers that can fuel regrowth. Fluridone is a good option. Under normal conditions Fluridone treatments offer control for a full growing season. However, due to the tubers that Sago Pondweed pro-

duces there can be regrowth in the fall when chemical concentrations subside.

Clear Cast or Imazamox based products are an equally good choice of treatment. These products are carbohydrate synthesizers and typically offer

faster results. There is still the possibility of the vegetation returning in the fall but unlike Fluridone, Clearcast can be applied any time that the plants are actively growing.

Aquathol is another effective treatment option. The advantage to Aquathol is