

Water Framework Directive UK Technical Advisory Group ALIEN SPECIES ALARM LIST

This Guidance Paper is a working draft defined by the UKTAG Alien Species Group. The list will evolve as new information is gathered, and the working draft amended accordingly.

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The alarm list has been compiled by the UKTAG Alien Species Group using data from a range of sources, and in the light of comments and suggestions from external reviewers. Its aim is to encourage reporting of any species listed to the relevant authorities and thus provide an opportunity for appropriate action to be taken. The species listed are those thought to pose a risk to surface waters and their ecological status under the EC Water Framework Directive, but whose presence has not yet been recorded in Great Britain. The lists will be kept under continual review and amended as necessary.

England, Scotland and Wales Alarm List

Species	Common name	Species with updated risk
		assessments by GBNNSS
Schizoporella errata	Marine bryozoan	No
Celtodoryx ciocalyptoides	Marine sponge	No
Ocenebra inornata	Asian oyster drill	No
Theora lubrica	Asian semele	No
Megabalanus coccopoma	Titan acorn barnacle	No
Paralithodes camtschaticus	Red king crab	Yes
Mnemiopsis leidyi	Warty comb jelly	No
Proterorhinus marmoratus/ semilunaris	Tubenose goby	Pending
Hydrocotyle sibthorpioides	Lawn pennywort	No
Lagarosiphon muscoides/	Oxygen weed	No
Egeria najas		
Ludwigia repens/ L. natans	Red ludwigia/ creeping	Pending
	ludwigia	
Myriophyllum elatinoides	Water milfoil	No
Myriophyllum heterophyllum	Two-leaf water-milfoil	No
Myriophyllum robustum	Stout water-milfoil	No
Typha gracilis	Least bulrush	No
Typha laxmannii/ T. martini,	Graceful cattail	No
T. stenophylla		
Corbicula fluminalis	Asiatic clam	No
Corbula amurensis	Amur River clam	No
Pontogammarus robustoides	Freshwater amphipod	No



Cercopagis pengoi	Fishhook waterflea	No
Dikerogammarus bispinosus	Freshwater amphipod	No
Jaera istri	Freshwater isopod	No
Limnomysis benedeni	Freshwater shrimp	No
Obesogammarus obesus	Freshwater amphipod	No
Orconectes rusticus	Rusty crayfish	Yes
Gambusia holbrooki	Eastern mosquitofish	No
Neogobius fluviatilis	Monkey goby	No
Neogobius gymnotrachelus	Racer goby	Pending
Neogobius melanostomus	Round goby	Pending

Gyrodactylus salaris has not been included on the alarm list because there are already well-developed contingency plans for this species in Scotland and England.

Ireland Watch (Alarm) List

Species	Common name	
Cabombia caroliniana	Fanwort	
Cercopagis pengoi	Fishhook Waterflea	
Gyrodactylus salaris	Salmon fluke	
Pacifastacus Ieniusculus	North American Signal crayfish	
Dreissena bugensis	Quagga Mussel	
Dikerogammarus villosus	Killer shrimp	
Leuciscus leuciscus	Dace	

ALIEN SPECIES ALARM 'RESERVE' LIST

The reserve list includes species whose distribution and likely threat is unknown but where further information should be obtained in future, where possible.

Species	Description	Species with updated risk assessments by GBNNSS
Cyperus eragrostis	Tall flatsedge	No
Equisetum scirpoides	Dwarf horsetail	No
Glossostigma diandrum	Mudmat	No
Limnobium spongia/ Hydrocharis cordifolia	American spongeplant	No
Micranthemum umbrosum	Shade mudflower	No
Peltandra virginica/ P. tharpii	Tuckahoe	No
Rotala rotundifolia	Dwarf rotala	No
Chelicorophium robustum	Caspian mud shrimp	No
Misgurnus anguillicaudatus	Oriental weatherfish	No
Misgurnus mizolepis	Chinese weatherloach	No
Monopterus albus	Asian swamp eel	No