

Update

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Environmental



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Who to contact about injured wildlife:



Have you come across an injured bird, turtle, or other creature and wondered what to do? Several organizations exist in eastern North Carolina to address such situations:

Cape Fear Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

Wilmington, NC
(910) 791-1222

Admits seabirds, songbirds, & small mammals

Eastern Wildlife Center

1641 Lum Buck Rd.
Greenville NC 27858
(252) 758-8719
email: easternwildlife@aol.com

<http://home.att.net/~pcansley/ecwildlife.htm>

Admits all wildlife; raptor surgery

Network for endangered Sea Turtles (NEST)

PO Box 1168
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949
(252) 441-8622
<http://www.nestonline.org/>

24-hr turtle stranding hotline



Northern Outer Banks Wildlife Rehabilitation

PO Box 2822
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949
(252) 473-4587
email: LogrHead1@aol.com

Admits sea turtles, some raptors, songbirds, waterfowl, & mammals

Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center

822 Carolina Ave
Topsail Beach, NC 28445
email: Loggrhead@aol.com
<http://www.seaturtlehospital.org/>

The Outer Banks Wildlife Shelter

100 Wildlife Way

Newport, NC 28570

(252) 240-1200

Admits all wildlife

The Wild Animal Rehabilitation Center (Wildarc) of East Carolina

1312 Old cherry Point Rd.
New Bern, NC 28560

(252) 638-4646

email: info@wildarc.org

Admits songbirds, small mammals, & raptors

Other wildlife rehabilitator contacts:

Elizabeth Hanrahan, Licensed Wildlife Rehab.

New Bern, NC

(252) 638-5843

Birds & raptors

Ed Hiestand, Licensed Wildlife Rehab.

Rodanthe, NC

(252) 987-1165

email: birdfishrs@aol.com

Jane Kolunie

Wilson, NC

(252) 363-5263

Admits birds, waterfowl, raptors

Sherry Mills, Licensed Wildlife Rehab.

Farmville, NC

(252) 531-3851

Small mammals, birds

Lee Anne Sinnott

Kinston, NC

(252) 208-1442

Raccoons, squirrels, deer, owls

Vicki & Roger Waldren

Pollocksville/New Bern area

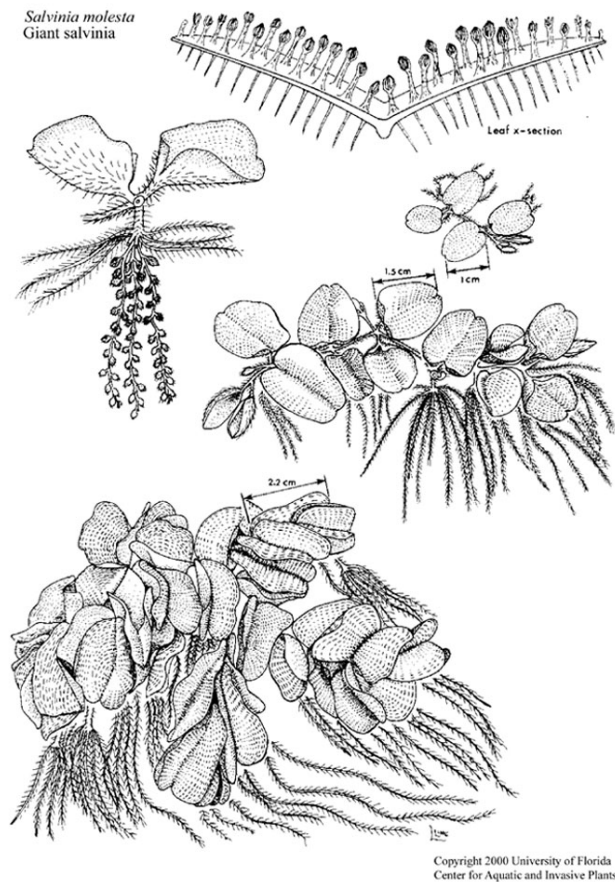
(252) 224-0663

email: critercare@aol.com

Birds, mammals, & raptors

Giant Salvinia and other invasives

Herbicide spraying to kill **Giant Salvinia** (*Salvinia molesta*) was done in several infested ponds in New Hanover, Pender, and Onslow county last summer. But, it's already been spotted again at several of those sites this year. The concern exists that the exotic aquatic weed will get into other ponds and waterways.



If you see this plant, contact your local NC Cooperative Extension office or the NC Department of Water Resources. It would help if you had a sample of the plant, for identification confirmation.

Giant Salvinia has been found at garden centers (aquatic plants section), home water gardens, residential ponds, golf courses, and local waterways.

This is not the only invasive aquatic weed of concern in North Carolina. The following non-indigenous plants have also been spotted in the lower Cape Fear basin:

Parrot Feather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*)

Alligator Weed (*Alternanthera philoxeroides*)

Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*)

Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)

One problem is that many of these plants are attractive, so people take them home and plant them or place them in their ponds. **Don't do it!!** Their aggressive growth rate and lack of predators can permit them to rapidly outgrow local vegetation. They can adversely impact the habitat of beneficial species (plants, insects, amphibians) and shelter unwanted species (mosquitos!). These plants can also form dense mats on waterways, which reduces recreational use.

Sincerely,

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