

Weed Watchers Vegetation ID Codes

Table of Plant Codes Related to Clough Pond

Code	Common Name	Species	Status
E	Pipewort	Eriocaulon septangulare	Native
N	Water Lily	Nymphaea	Native
X	Spike Rush	Eleocharis	Native
P	Pickerelweed	Pontederia cordata	Native

Weed Watchers is a program which recruits volunteers dedicated to monitoring NH's lakes and ponds for the presence of aquatic invasive plants and animals. It is run by the NH Department of Environmental Service (NHDES). The volunteer program was initiated in 1988 and has been in continuous operation ever since.

Prior to 1988 there was no volunteer component to that program. All monitoring was done by WSPCC/NHDES staff. By training and including local volunteers, NHDES was able to greatly expand its monitoring reach around the state. The Clough Pond Association joined that volunteer effort in 2021 and appointed a Weed Watcher Program Director to run it.

These plant codes are adopted from the 2022 list of codes being used by NHDES. They do differ in some instances from the codes used in 1983 and 2002 by WSPCC/NHDES on maps they created of Clough Pond.

The codes work in conjunction with a new map of Clough Pond first created in 2022 by the Clough Pond Association. Our Weed Watchers reporting is sometimes augmented with underwater videos and photos of the pond's existing plants. When plant identification is not totally obvious to our Weed Watchers using their volunteer expertise and library of supporting material, that data is reviewed by NHDES for expert help to accurately identify any suspicious underwater plants in Clough Pond.

Invasives & Non-natives

At this time all vegetation in Clough Pond is believed to be native to the pond. There are no known:

- Invasive plant species in Clough Pond; nor any
- Non-native plant species in Clough Pond.