

**New Hampshire Rivers Council – River Runners Program**

**FIELD DATA SHEET**

Complete it online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RiverRunners2017>

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ START TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ END TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

WATERBODY: \_\_\_\_\_ VOLUNTEER(S): \_\_\_\_\_

SITE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GPS COORDS: N \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION/DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

SITE DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNS POSTED? YES or NO DESCRIBE: \_\_\_\_\_

PEOPLE PRESENT AT SITE? YES or NO DID YOU SPEAK WITH PEOPLE AT SITE? YES or NO

OBSERVED ACTIVITIES AT SITE: \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT WEATHER** (sunny, partly cloudy, overcast, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

**WATER OBSERVATIONS** (check appropriate items)

Water Level: Low \_\_\_\_\_ Baseflow \_\_\_\_\_ High \_\_\_\_\_

Water Flow: No Flow \_\_\_\_\_ Very Slow \_\_\_\_\_ Slow \_\_\_\_\_ Fast \_\_\_\_\_ Very Fast \_\_\_\_\_ Turbulent \_\_\_\_\_

Water clarity: Clear \_\_\_\_\_ Slightly cloudy \_\_\_\_\_ Very Cloudy \_\_\_\_\_ "Muddy" \_\_\_\_\_

**STREAMBED CHARACTERISTICS** (Circle dominant, underline others):

Muck Silt/Sand Sand/Gravel Small/Medium/Large Cobble Boulders Bedrock/Ledges

**OTHER OBSERVATIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DIDYMO, JAPANESE KNOTWEED & NH's "FRIGHTFUL 14" IAP SCREENING SURVEY:**

**CIRCLE 1, 2, 3 OR 4 to describe the type of screening survey you are performing.**

- 1. Spot check** – check a bridge crossing on upstream & downstream sides of bridge and both sides of stream if possible or check a streamside access for fishing or boat launch- limited stream-bank & -bed area.
- 2. Stream Segment Walk** - If possible, walk along the stream bank or bed for approx. (50 feet) up stream and down stream of your access spot (such as above and below a bridge crossing); "zig-zag", or walk both sides.
- 3. Littoral Zone by Boat** - If you are paddling the survey site checking the littoral zone of the river adjacent to a boat launch, survey 300 feet above & below the launch, and as much of the littoral zone as possible ("zig-zag").
- 4. Stream Segment by Boat** - If you are boating a river segment, surveying more than just a boat ramp segment, please note the length of the segment, describe start & end points and whether both sides of river were surveyed.

**Remember – SAFETY FIRST! Beware of water levels, flow, unstable footing, poison ivy, etc.**

**Please see the other side of this sheet/next page  
to indicate which species you checked-for or observed at this site.**

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1. Circle the name of all of the species in the list below that you are checking for at this site.
2. Mark off with a “√” or “X” the estimated abundance of the species in the survey area;  
NO = not observed, P = present, A = abundant, D = dominant.  
In “Notes” column enter a description, such as “large patch”, “scattered patches”,  
“scattered single plants”, etc.
3. If you suspect that you have found an IAP species, record and describe the location, and GPS coordinates if possible, so that the site can be revisited if needed.  
Carefully collect a sample (without creating fragments) and submit it to NHRC.  
Send samples to NHRC Mon.-Wed. to avoid weekend delivery.  
Make sure info on NHRC sample bag is completed  
and that the bag is marked as “NHRC” or “River Runners”.  
Please read sample submission instructions sheet before submitting samples to NHRC.

**Circle the name of all of the species that you are checking for in the list below.**

Species	NO	P	A	D	Sample Collected?	Sample/photo to NH DES? (Circle)	Notes (Additional space below and on next or added page)
Japanese Knotweed						(S) (P)	
Phragmites						(S) (P)	
Purple Loosestrife						(S) (P)	
Variable milfoil						(S) (P)	
Eurasian milfoil						(S) (P)	
Water Chestnut						(S) (P)	
Fanwort						(S) (P)	
Curly leaf pondweed						(S) (P)	
Brazilian waterweed						(S) (P)	
European water nymph						(S) (P)	
Hydrilla						(S) (P)	
Yellow floating heart						(S) (P)	
European frogbit						(S) (P)	
Parrotfeather						(S) (P)	
Flowering rush						(S) (P)	
Other (provide name):						(S) (P)	
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### ADDITIONAL NOTES/COMMENTS:

**PROVIDE A SIMPLE MAP & ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE & COORDINATE INFORMATION ON ANOTHER SHEET OF THE SURVEY SITE AREA:** Include notes/marks for significant points – start & end points, suspicious sightings, important “landmarks” to help someone else retrace your survey route or visit your suspicious sightings. Provide links or URL if you have created online maps.