Water Chestnut Plant

The top of the Water Chestnut plant floats on the water and can be retrieved easily from a boat. All of the seed pods grow into the water from stringers attached to the underside. These plants must be pulled from the water before the seed pods are mature to stop propagation.



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The underneath part of the water chestnut is where the small pods begin to grow on the stringers. Once they mature into the pointed larger pod, they release, sometime in late July or early August, dependent on the weather conditions. The points on the corners are so sharp that they will go right through a sneaker. Several seed pods grow under each plant and once dropped from the main plant can take 1-3 years before they may develop and become a nuisance.

