

# SPECIES IN WATER

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Hi, my name is Cameron, I recently graduated from college last Spring. Following my graduation, I accepted a position at Pennichuck Water working as their Corporate Communications Specialist. When I first started, I had no idea about the water industry and its significant importance. My intent with creating this blog is to be able to share what I learn and experience about the water industry with others.

At the end of July, I had the opportunity to go out on Pennichuck’s supply pond with some of our interns to remove the invasive species of Eurasian Water Chestnuts. The purpose of removing them is because the water chestnuts produce carpet-like blooms that spread quickly. If not removed, the blooms of the water chestnuts prohibit sunlight from entering the water column which hinders the water’s quality and the growth of other native plants and species.

While out on the supply pond with the interns we were also identifying other species of plants that grow in and around the pond. It is important to keep a record of these species and potential new ones that may appear so that if new species do begin to appear we can keep a record of when they emerged. That way we can better understand why they are emerging and where they come from.

It was such a cool experience to be able to pay attention to the details of our water supply, and the nature within it. This was something that I had never noticed or paid attention to before. When I originally thought of water, all I ever considered was turning on the faucet and having it be there and be easily accessible. As I learn more about the water industry, I have noticed and appreciated the amount of time and effort that goes into supplying clean water. It takes many people working as a team to fulfill our mission of providing high-quality drinking water to our customers.

