

sidering the damage the common carp has caused in the 100 years it has been in North America, the possible bad effects of the grass carp in Michigan are cause for great caution in its use. **It is illegal to bring grass carp into Michigan or to possess them here, including the sterile triploid grass carp.**

Plant-eating waterfowl have also been tried for controlling leafy

aquatic plants. One pair of domesticated swans and their one or two offspring can keep an acre of pond free of such plants. However, the swans must be provided with some open water and shelter in winter (or kept in a barn), and they may then need supplemental feeding which adds nutrients to the pond.

Ducks and geese that eat plants aren't suitable for pond weed con-

trol. They obtain much food through supplemental feed or by foraging outside the pond, bring the nutrients to the pond as feces, and increase the plant problem.

Algae typically replace the higher aquatic plants consumed by animals used to control pond plants. In some cases, dense blooms of planktonic algae may be more tolerable than large weeds.