

It is with great sadness that we relay the tragic news of the sudden death of our fearless leader, Les Mehrhoff, on December 22. His loss is deeply felt and leaves a big hole in the New England botanical community. Les worked tirelessly and with great enthusiasm for the things he loved. As many know, he was not only a great botanist, but treated the flora and fauna as his friends and companions. The following photo of his office door is a good example of some of his favorite causes. Many of you knew Les from the various IPANE trainings and field trips where he always had a story or a joke to tell. He will be remembered for his enthusiasm and exuberance in life.

As the founder and co-developer of the IPANE program, Les has been a critical component to IPANE's continued success. While it will be difficult to think of IPANE without him, Les's vision will live on through the broad network of supporters and collaborators that Les himself assembled. The important mission of IPANE will continue under the direction of John Silander and his students and associates.

As his family requested, in memory of Les, please perform an act of kindness for the preservation of our environment. A memorial service is planned for Les and we will post information on this when it becomes available.

Link to obituary: [http://potterfuneralhome.com/?page\\_id=8](http://potterfuneralhome.com/?page_id=8)

NBII Program Remembers Les Mehrhoff: <http://nbii-info.blogspot.com/2011/01/nbii-program-remembers-les-mehrhoff.html>

Sincerely,

John Silander, IPANE Project Manager

Sarah Treanor Bois, IPANE volunteer coordinator




# PLANT A TREE

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### Treehugging Dirt Worshipper



**INVASIVE PLANT ALERT!**  
**WATER CHESTNUT (*Trapa natans*)**



**HOW TO IDENTIFY WATER CHESTNUT**

Water chestnut (*Trapa natans*) is a common aquatic plant with large, rounded leaves and small, white flowers. It is native to Asia and has become an invasive species in many parts of the world. The plant is highly adaptable and can grow in both shallow and deep water. It is a major pest of aquaculture and can also clog waterways, reducing water flow and oxygen levels. The plant is also a source of food for some aquatic animals.

**THE NATURE CONSERVANCY**



**SOMETHING'S BRUIN**  
in New Hampshire  
**LEARN TO LIVE WITH BEARS!**



**STOP THE INVASION!**

Prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species! Clean your vehicles, machinery, and boats.



**Wanted**  
Asian Longhorned Beetle  
ATTACKING TREES!



**What to look for:**

- Asian Longhorned Beetles are 1.5-2.0 cm long with a black and red patterned body.
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