

Big and Little Africa Lakes

Eighteen native species were detected in Big and Little Africa Lakes (Table 3). Little Africa Lake had the fewest species of all of the lakes throughout the chain and the highest percentage of shallow water points without vegetation. Big Africa Lake had species richness and FQI values that are consistent with regional values. However, most of the vegetation was concentrated in the highly protected bays along the northern, southern and western shorelines (Figure 9).

Species	Common Name	Big Africa	Little Africa
<i>Bidens beckii</i>	Water marigold	1	0
<i>Brasenia schreberi</i>	Watershield	1	1
<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>	Coontail	1	0
<i>Elodea canadensis</i>	Common waterweed	1	0
<i>Lemna trisulca</i>	Forked duckweed	1	0
<i>Myriophyllum sibiricum</i>	Northern water-milfoil	1	0
<i>Najas flexilis</i>	Slender naiad	1	0
<i>Nuphar variegata</i>	Spatterdock	1	0
<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	White water lily	1	1
<i>Potamogeton foliosus</i>	Leafy pondweed	1	0
<i>Potamogeton gramineus</i>	Variable pondweed	1	0
<i>Potamogeton robbinsii</i>	Fern pondweed	1	0
<i>Sparganium eurycarpum</i>	Common bur-reed	1	0
<i>Sparganium fluctuans</i>	Floating-leaf bur-reed	0	1
<i>Utricularia geminiscapa</i>	Twin-stemmed bladderwort	1	0
<i>Utricularia gibba</i>	Creeping bladderwort	1	0
<i>Utricularia minor</i>	Small bladderwort	1	0
<i>Utricularia vulgaris</i>	Common bladderwort	1	1
Species Detected		17	4
Floristic Quality Index		26.92	14.50

Table 3 – Aquatic plant abundance and relative quality estimates for Big and Little Africa Lakes.

Figure 9 - Distribution of Native and Invasive Species in Big and Little Africa Lakes

