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
Bidens beckii	Water marigold	1	0
Brasenia schreberi	Watershield	1	1
Ceratophyllum demersum	Coontail	1	0
Elodea canadensis	Common waterweed	1	0
Lemna trisulca	Forked duckweed	1	0
Myriophyllum sibiricum	Northern water-milfoil	1	0
Najas flexilis	Slender naiad	1	0
Nuphar variegata	Spatterdock	1	0
Nymphaea odorata	White water lily	1	1
Potamogeton foliosus	Leafy pondweed	1	0
Potamogeton gramineus	Variable pondweed	1	0
Potamogeton robbinsii	Fern pondweed	1	0
Sparganium eurycarpum	Common bur-reed	1	0
Sparganium fluctuans	Floating-leaf bur-reed	0	1
Utricularia geminiscapa	Twin-stemmed bladderwort	1	0
Utricularia gibba	Creeping bladderwort	1	0
Utricularia minor	Small bladderwort	1	0
Utricularia vulgaris	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.

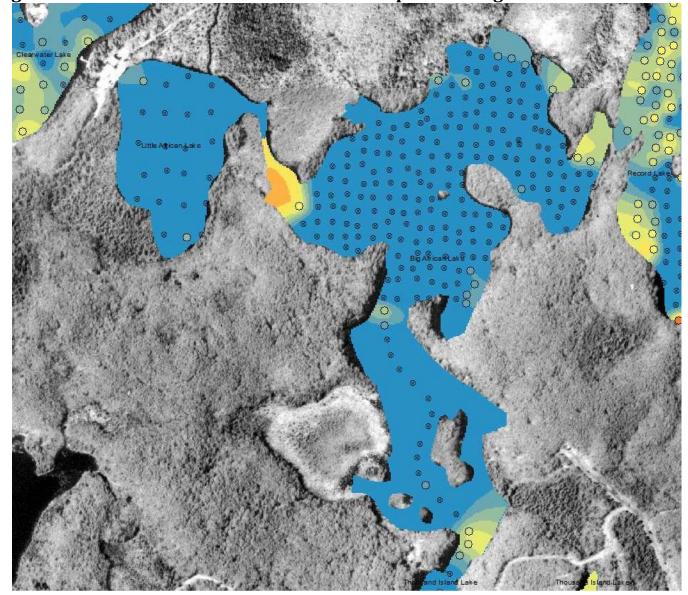


Figure 9 – Distribution of Native and Invasive Species in Big and Little Africa Lakes