

Common Aquatic Plants

Using

Through the Looking Glass

to get started

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 - Narrow Leaves
 - Broad Leaves
- Free Floating Plants
- Floating-leaf Plants
- Submersed Plants
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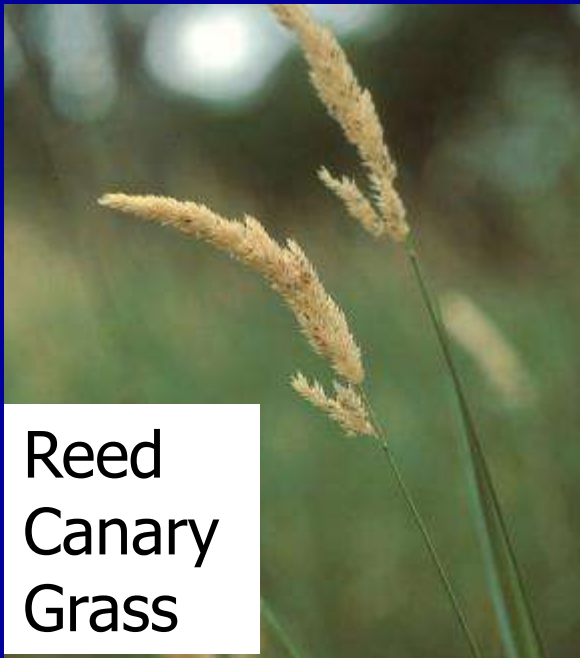
Cattail



Three-way
Sedge

Emergent Plants with Narrow Leaves

Reed
Canary
Grass



Softstem
bulrush



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Arrowhead



Pickeralweed



Emergent Plants with Broad Leaves

Water
hemlock




Purple
Loosestrife




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A photograph of small duckweed plants, which are tiny green spheres with fine, hair-like roots extending downwards. A black pen tip is visible on the right side for scale.

Small duckweed

A photograph of forked duckweed plants, which are small green plants with multiple pairs of leaves branching out from a central point. A black and gold pen is visible on the right side for scale.

Forked duckweed

A photograph of great duckweed plants, which are larger than the others, with several rounded green leaves and a cluster of long, reddish-brown roots hanging down. A ruler is visible on the right side for scale.

Great duckweed

Free Floating Plants

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A dense mat of small, round, green floating leaves of a watershield plant.

Watershield

A spatterdock plant with two bright yellow flowers and large, dark green, heart-shaped leaves.

Spatterdock

Floating-leaf Plants (rooted)



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Elodea



Submersed
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Slender Naiad

whorled

Waterwort



opposite

Chara



whorled

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Pipewort



basal

Wild celery



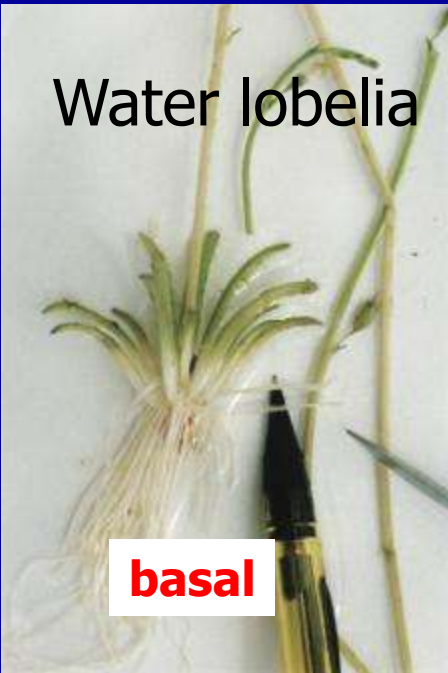
basal

Water
star grass



alternate

Water lobelia



basal

Curly-leaf
pondweed



alternate

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Coontail

**Examples of
Finely Divided
Leaves**



Whorled
water-milfoil



Water
marigold



Common
bladderwort

INVASIVE EXOTICS



Water Chestnut



Frogbit



Hydrilla



Yellow Floating Heart



Hydrilla verticillata
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