Cape-pondweed

Aponogeton distachyos

LIFE RIPARIAS alert list species



Invasive species native to South Africa. Uncommon in the wild in Belgium

Found in fresh, stagnant or slowmoving water often rich in nutrients



Aquatic plant with semipersistent floating leaves, developing from a tuber. From 50 to 120 cm

Oval or narrow-lanceolate leaves with a colouration going from pale to dark green, with a pale distinctive central vein measuring from 5 to 30 cm



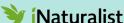
Can form dense mats on the surface of the water





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The petioles and the peduncle are developed from a tuber buried in the mud

Veins arranged in marked perpendicular networks



Forked inflorescence bearing white and vanilla-scented flowers

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Tough, elongated and floating leaves, often with purple spots and with a very long petiole

Not to be confused with



Potamogeton spp. - Native

- Green to brownish flower spikes
- Oval, round or cordate leaf base. From 2 to 10 cm long
- Parallel veins

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Persicaria amphibia - Native

- Pink flower spikes
- Oval or elongate leaves measuring from 5 to 15 cm





