

# Fanwort

*Cabomba caroliniana*

Species of Union concern



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Invasive species native to America. **Not very common** in the wild in Belgium

Found in **fresh, stagnant** or **slow-moving** waters often **rich in nutrients**



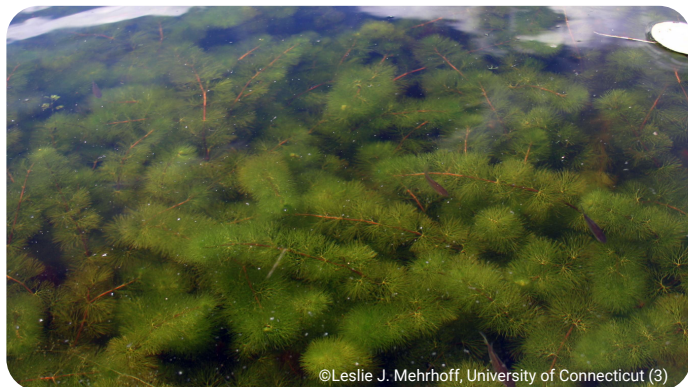
**Aquatic** or **semi-aquatic** plant, entirely **submerged**, except for the flowers. Stems can be up to 10 m long

Fan-shaped leaves (dichotomous branching) with a long petiole



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Forms **dense mats**



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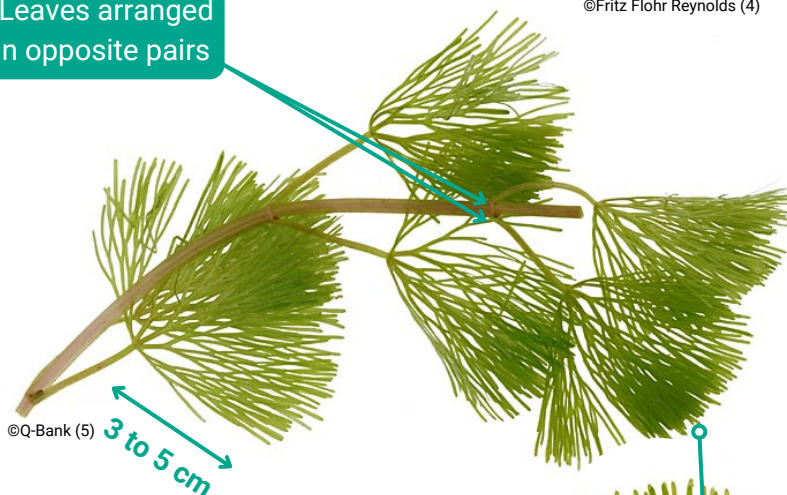
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Small flowers (0,5 to 2 cm in diameter) of variable colours, but yellow in the center



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Leaves arranged in opposite pairs



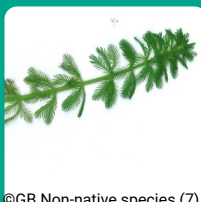
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Forked leaves with rounded tips



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## Not to be confused with



©GB Non-native species (7)

### *Myriophyllum* spp. - **Exotic**

- Leaves arranged in whorls
- Pinnate leaves

### *Ranunculus* spp. - **Native**

- Alternate leaf arrangement
- Short petioles



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### *Ceratophyllum* spp. - **Native**

- Leaves arranged in whorls
- "Fork-shaped" leaves
- Leaves slightly thorny, rough to the touch



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