

Greater pondweed

Egeria densa

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Invasive species native to South America. **Widespread** in the wild in Belgium

Found in **fresh, stagnant** or **slow-moving** waters

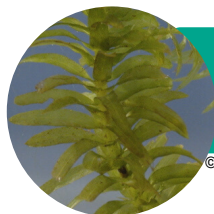


Submerged aquatic plant. Stems up to 2 m long (or more), producing roots at regular intervals

Forms **dense mats** just below the surface of the water



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Leaves are in whorls of 4 to 5 (sometimes 3 to 8)

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Strap-shaped leaves with fine saw teeth on the margins, that fall down on each other once out of water



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Not to be confused with

Elodea nuttallii - Exotic

- Leaves occur in whorls of 3 (sometimes 2 to 4)
- Elongated leaves (up to 2.5 cm), soft and curved, with a sharp tip



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Elodea canadensis - Exotic

- Short rigid leaves (< 2 cm) with rounded tips and finely serrated margins
- Leaves occur in whorls of 3 (sometimes 2 to 4), fairly spaced along the stem

Lagarosiphon major - Exotic

- Alternate and spiral leaf arrangement along the stem
- Leaves are curved towards the stem and numerous at its top
- Elongated leaves (up to 3 cm) with sharp tip



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Hydrilla verticillata - Exotic

- Sharp leaves with marked serrated margins, up to 2 cm long
- Leaves occur in whorls of 5 (sometimes 4 to 8)



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